



JESUS IS _____.

WEEK 4 - JESUS IS ALIVE

SERIES BIG IDEA

Jesus is unlike anyone you've ever known. In Jesus, you'll discover a new way of living.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Jesus is alive. In Jesus, you are offered a new way of living.

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

OPENING THOUGHTS

1. Who are some of the biggest influences in your life?
2. As we think about “really living,” what have you found to be the keys to happiness?

BIBLE DISCUSSION

3. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. In what ways is God's mercy portrayed?
4. Do any of the descriptions of God's mercy resonate with you more than others? Why?

LIFE APPLICATION

5. The text says we were at one time dead in our sins, which is a metaphorical way of saying, “our sins are making a mess of our lives and those around us.” In what ways have you seen sin make a mess of your life?
6. God is rich in mercy, which means he's the God of second, third, or forty chances, and God wants us to live a life without regrets. What regrets would you like to leave behind this year?
7. Look again at verse 10. God has made us fully alive so we might find new purpose in life. Where could you see yourself serving God in the next year?

CHALLENGE

Jesus has called us to be fully alive! He died and rose again so we might have a new life – a changed life. How can you help one another make changes to be fully alive over the coming months? Pray for one another and ask God to empower you to be fully alive.