

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.*

1. In Ephesians 2:1-3 Paul describes the fallen condition of man in clear, precise, and and exact detail. We all were dead in sin, not just morally sick. Because of sin we were all by nature children of wrath. Why is it important for us to understand our condition before we can appreciate what follows in 2:4-10?
2. How do these two words, "But God," immediately bring light into the deadly darkness and hope into the hopelessness?
3. How does Paul describe God in 2:4? What is mercy? What does it mean to be rich in mercy?
4. In 2:5-6 what three things happen to those who are in Christ? How do these three things connect to the life of Christ?
5. What does it mean to, "be made alive together with Christ"?
6. How is the raising of Lazarus a picture of what has happened to us?
7. What does it mean to, "be raised up with Him"?
8. What does it mean that, "He seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"?
9. Why does Paul insert, "By grace you have been saved" in verse 5 only to repeat it in verse 8?
10. How are grace and faith to be understood in Paul's teaching?