

# MYSTERY

## LIFE GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

### **GIFT, Ephesians 2:4-10 November 11, 2018**

#### **CONNECT**

1. What movies and songs do you associate with the words “walk” or “walking”?
2. Do you have a favorite artist? Who is it and why is he or she your favorite?

#### **CELEBRATE**

3. Compare and contrast the two kinds of “walks” in verse 1 and verse 10 of chapter 2. How do you move from one to the other?
4. What is grace? Have you received it in the past? How have you received it today?
5. What is faith?
6. Paul makes it clear that salvation is not by two specific things (verses 8-9). What are they?
  - In what ways, in the past, have you thought you contributed to your own salvation?
  - How do you resist the temptation to revert back to old patterns of trying to boast in what you do, proving yourself to God or providing for yourself apart from Him?
7. Re-read verse 10. As new creations, what are we and what were we created for?
  - What are some good works you had the opportunity to do this week?
  - Do you ever assess your motivations for your good works? Commit to asking the Holy Spirit to help you assess your motives at least one time this week.
  - Have your good works been an outflow of your newness in Christ this week?
  - Read Titus 2:11-3:9 and discuss how God’s grace and kindness are designed to help us be a people of His own who are zealous for good works.

#### **CONTRIBUTE**

8. If a non-Christian asked how they can be saved, what would you tell him/her about God’s provision (basis) and means (response) to receive this gift?
9. Only 53% of evangelicals from a recent Ligonier study believe that God counts a person righteous only by faith in Jesus Christ, not by works. Use the verses we read today (Ephesians, Titus, Romans 4, Luke 18:9-14 & Galatians 3:1-9) to make a biblical argument to the remaining 47% of evangelicals about how God views our works. If the opportunity arises to have a discussion about faith and works, dive in! You may find that those who think they are walking in faith are not and it will be a joy to share biblical truth.