

## Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

**Series:** The Multifaceted Gospel

**Sermon:** Easter Sunday - Resurrection Life

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:4-9

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

### *Reflection Questions:*

- When do you notice the gap between sinfulness and holiness in your own life?
- In what ways do you try to bridge the chasm?
- What does it mean that we have been saved by grace and that it is not our own doing? Why would God save us when we are sinners?
- How does it impact your life now to know that Christ raised you up with Him?
- Have you ever cried out to God to save you? If not, why not? If so, how have you continued in that acceptance of His grace?

*\*If you have received Christ's salvation or would like to talk more about what it means to have a relationship with God, please reach out to me at [jshultz@bonpres.org](mailto:jshultz@bonpres.org)*

### **Guided Prayer:**

*Lord, all my attempts to reach You fall short. Nothing I do can make me holy. I admit, that my attempts fail and I desperately need You. Admit to God that you fall short. Lord, You tell me that You are rich in mercy. Your Word tells me that you have great love for me, even when I am dead in my sin. That you desire to show the immeasurable riches of your grace in kindness to me in Christ Jesus. I long for Your grace. Confess your need for God. Lord, forgive me for my failure. Show me Your grace. Raise to life what is dead in me. Ask God to forgive you and raise you to life. Jesus, You rose from the dead. And You promise to raise me up with you. I believe and I choose to live my life in You. Offer God your life. Lord, you are incredibly kind to us. You are rich in mercy. We know and we believe that Jesus rose from the dead. And because He lives, you will raise up what is dead in us. We do not boast in the things we do to close the spiritual gaps in our lives, but look only to the risen Jesus. It is in His precious name we pray, Amen.*