

Life Group
Discussion
Guide
Week 4
10/26/25

Message Summary: Have you ever wondered what could inspire someone to spark a movement that would change the course of history? In 1517, Martin Luther's personal transformation from an anxiety-ridden monk to a bold reformer illuminates how God's Word can revolutionize not just one life, but the entire world. Pastor Greg weaves together the historical significance of the Reformation with our present-day spiritual journey, emphasizing how Luther's discovery of God's grace through Scripture transformed his understanding of both vertical (God-ward) and horizontal (human) relationships. Through storytelling, Pastor Greg challenges us to examine where our own crosses might be disconnected – whether in our worship, relationships, work lives, or entertainment choices. He presents a compelling vision of what could happen if, like Luther, we allow ourselves to be fully aligned with God's Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The message culminates in an urgent call to action: embrace the same "intentional urgency" that drove Luther, recognizing that God sees each of us as world-changers, capable of making an eternal impact when we choose to fully engage rather than check out.

Conversation Starter: If you could post '95 Theses' on a modern-day door (like a social media platform), what would be one thing you'd include to inspire positive change?

Prayer:

Lord, open our hearts to Your word, Your truth, and Your direction. Amen!

Read Scripture together: Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 5:8

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

- 1. What is the passage about?
- 2. What do I learn about God?
- 3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?



Discussion Questions:

- Reflect on the significance of Martin Luther's actions in 1517. How can we apply his courage and conviction to address issues within the modern church?
- Read Ephesians 2:5. Martin Luther found new meaning in Scripture that transformed his understanding of God's grace. When have you experienced a shift in how you view God's character, and how did it impact your faith journey?
- Pastor Greg explained that the vertical piece of the cross represents our connection to God, while the horizontal represents our relationships with others. How do these two dimensions play out in your daily life?
- The sermon mentions having 'intentional urgency' in our faith walk. What does this concept mean, and why is it important not to delay in responding to God's calling?
- The sermon highlights the dangers of cultural influences that may lead us away from God's truth. How can we discern and resist these influences while engaging with the world around us?
- The sermon discusses how we often compartmentalize our faith to worship services. How
 can we better integrate our faith into all aspects of our lives work, entertainment choices,
 and relationships?
- What is one specific area of your life (work, entertainment, relationships) where you need to be more intentional about applying your faith?

Memory Verse: Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, we come with grateful hearts, thanking You for the time we've spent together in fellowship and reflection. As we have discussed Your Word and the message from the sermon, we are reminded of the powerful work of Your Holy Spirit in our lives and in the history of Your Church. Help us to embrace the call of the Great Commission, to love You with all our hearts, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. May we be bold in our faith, standing firm in Your truth and sharing Your love with those around us. We pray for the humility to seek more of You and less of ourselves, and for the courage to act with intentional urgency in our daily lives. Guide us to be lights in the darkness, reflecting Your grace and mercy to a world in need. Empower us to live out our faith with conviction and joy. May we always find our identity and purpose in You. Amen.