

DISCUSS

Which of the descriptions of God and His Word stands out to you the most from verses 137-144? Why?

What characteristic of God and His Word does David use repeatedly?

What term did Matt use to sum up these terms as a description of God?

How would you define the term “holy”?

What are some of the descriptions David uses for himself?

In verse 139, what did Matt key in on as a characteristic of all humanity?

How does drifting from God’s Word affect us?

How have you experienced these effects in your own life?

According to verses 145-152, what is the opportunity God provides in the midst of our brokenness?

How has God used brokenness in your life to bring you to a place of recognizing your need for Him?

What circumstances did God allow in your life that eventually led you to cry out to Him for salvation? How did He respond?

What are the two truths Matt highlighted that our hope of salvation rests on?

How have you experienced the steadfast love of God? In what ways is it different from any kind of human love you’ve experienced?

How have you experienced the nearness of God? In what ways has God's presence encouraged you during difficult times?

How should the truth that God's presence is our most desperate need in life change the way you think about your sin and that of others? How does it encourage you to look beyond the surface and recognize the deeper need?

What were the four marks Matt covered of being a Christian?

As you reflect on your life, how have you changed since beginning a relationship with Jesus Christ? What has God done to transform you?

Where do you desire to grow in your walk with Christ? What are you asking God to do in your life?

Where do you need to surrender to the love and presence of God? In what ways are trusting in yourself as opposed to the promises of God?

How will you take steps toward repentance and new life as a result of this session?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: Throughout this week, ask God to reveal to you the areas of your life where you need to grow and be proactive about pursuing maturity.

Remember: Write out Ephesians 2:1-10 on a piece of paper and place it somewhere where you will see it on a daily basis as a constant reminder to you of the truth about who you are, who God is, and the hope you have through faith in Jesus Christ.

Worship: Take some time to reflect on how God has been gracious to you in your failures and disobedience. As you do, worship Him for the steadfast love that He has shown you continually.

Memorize: Commit to memory the four marks of being a Christian that Matt shared in this session in order to clearly communicate to others what it means to believe in Christ.

Invite: Reach out to a mature believer in Christ and invite him or her to mentor you in a discipleship relationship as a way of growing in your walk with the Lord.