

# Sermon Discussion

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**Icebreaker:** What was your favorite board game or outside game to play as a child?

**Ephesians: More Than a Makeover – Ephesians 2:1-10**

## How To Really Live

1. Stop Fooling Yourself About What's Really Going On And Take A Closer Look At Your Life
  - a. When You Live Life Without God You'll Be Affirmed By The Crowd
  - b. When You Live Life Without God You Get No Resistance From The Spiritual Forces Of Darkness
  - c. When You Live Life Without God You Get No Resistance From Your Flesh
2. Stop Listening To The World And Hear What God Has To Say About You
3. Stop Ignoring God And Look At What He's Ready To Do!
4. Stop Trying To Achieve And Be Willing To Receive What Only God Can Do

## Sermon Discussion:

1. Would you describe the majority of your life as just surviving or truly living? What things contribute to those feelings?
2. In what ways do you find yourself tempted to just follow the crowd in your life and choices?
  - a. Where has this led you in the past?
3. How have you seen sin lead you farther than you wanted to go, cost you more than you wanted to pay, or keep you longer than you wanted to stay?
4. In what ways do you feel tempted to just "be true to yourself?"
  - a. When have you made the purposeful choice to go against your natural desires in order to please God?
    - i. How were you able to do this and what did it lead to?
5. How have you been guilty of suppressing the truth in your own life?
  - a. What things helped you to fight against that temptation?
6. How have you experienced greeter freedom from following Christ than when you lived in sin that promised freedom but couldn't deliver?
7. In what ways are you encouraged by Ephesians 2:10 that says you are God's workmanship? What implications should this truth have for your life?
  - a. What is a step that you could take towards discerning and living in the good works that God has planned for you?
    - i. How would doing this infuse your life with greater purpose?

## Missionary Prayer Spotlight – Tim and Helen VanSumeren (Thailand)

- Tim and Helen returned in August to Thailand after spending a period of time traveling back in the US to visit family and ministry partners.
- Please pray for them as they continue to seek to provide biblically-based care to workers spread all throughout southeast Asia.
- Pray the Lord provides them with encouragement, wisdom, and perseverance as they work to fulfill the Great Commission on the other side of the world.