

Made For More Sermon Series

Week Two (4/18/21): Made To Be More

**If you are a newly formed group or have new participants, see p. 2*

Scripture Text: Ephesians 2

Paul explains the miraculous change God has done in each of us, taking us from a position of sin & death to life by God's grace through faith. Each of us is created as a work of special craftsmanship to serve an incredible purpose. Then Paul shows how we are made to live and carry out our mission in life in unity with others, not in isolation, to join together in changing the world.

Sermon Points:

Key Shift: More Volunteers → More Masterpieces

1. God remade us to be His masterpiece for His divine mission
2. God placed us on His team to change the world together

Discussion Question Options:

- Did you have a perfect talent show entry from when you were growing up? What if you were entering one today? Do you have any special talents, gifts, passions, or experiences from earlier in life that are under-utilized these days?
- What comes to mind when you hear the word "masterpiece?" Is it easy to imagine ways you are a masterpiece in God's eyes, or do you hesitate or struggle with that concept? What might be some of the plans He has for you, in the unique ways He has shaped a masterpiece mission for you?
- Read Ephesians 2:1-7. Discuss where you were before you accepted Jesus and how your life has changed. How do you relate to what Paul says God has done for you?
- We value rugged individualism in our culture. Read Ephesian 2:19-22. Why is it so important to live out our masterpiece mission from God with other believers? Give an example of someone you know who models this well.
- When you consider your current lifestyle, how do you feel you are living out the good works that God prepared for you to do...or how are you missing the opportunity? (*Note: This is not about being a good person. This is about fulfilling your part in God's mission.*) Do you know your missional calling? How can this group help you discover it or support you to engage more deeply in it?

Memory Verse:

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *Ephesians 2:10*

If your group either a) is a newly formed discussion group for Made for More, or b) has new participants that have joined for this discussion, please be cognizant of the first time experience in a discussion group:

- Take the time to do some get-to-know-you conversation, whether that's ice-breaker questions or sharing briefly about yourself
- Try to avoid any potentially alienating talk about how your group has been together for years, or how well everyone previously knows each other etc.
- This is a great time to have a note on the door or even greet guests at the door so everyone feels a warm, hospitable welcome
- Bring the rest of the group in on providing that welcoming atmosphere. Message them ahead of time so they can be ready to welcome new guests.