

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ephesians 2:8-10 - Saved to Serve

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Understanding the Text

1. According to Ephesians 2:8-10, how are we saved?
2. What is the relationship between salvation and good works?
3. What are good works? Why do good intentions not necessarily make something a good work?
4. What was the contrast between David Livingstone and Walter DeMoss? What does this teach us about the good works God has prepared for us?
5. Based on Genesis 4:3-5 and Hebrews 11:4, why did God accept Able's sacrifice and not Cains? What does this teach us about the "good works" of unbelievers?

Personal Reflection & Application

1. How can good works look different for each person? How are they the same?
2. Are there "good works" you are doing that may be distracting you from the responsibilities God has given you? What are they?
3. What are the good works God has prepared for you right now? Are you doing them faithfully, or are you tempted to overlook them because they seem ordinary or insignificant?
4. Who are the "neighbors" closest to you right now and what is one practical way you could serve them this week?
5. How does remembering that you are saved by Christ's work—not your own works—change the way you think about serving God and others?