Sermon Questions Ephesians 2:10

This week we studied how we can be engaged in the mission of Jesus Christ. While we were certainly not saved "by" good works we were certainly saved "for" good works. Unfortunately, in our current Christian culture this challenging truth often gets neglected. Far too often fruitless religious activity has replaced being fully engaged in the mission of Jesus Christ. Worse yet, is the other extreme where Christian "couch potatoes" sit around and discuss theology without doing anything at all. The desire of our Lord Jesus Christ is that all people would serve Him and serve Him to the full.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Engage the Mission Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

We belong to God and are significant to Him

We were <u>created</u> by God for His good <u>purpose</u>

We have been given a <u>plan</u> that God already <u>designed</u>

We must keep taking steps of faith to enjoy God's best

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it HERE. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

- 1. Why is belonging such an important concept? Why is significance such an important concept? How important is it to know that you belong and are significant to God? How do you get those theological truths from your head to your heart? Where do people try to find belonging and significance apart from Christ?
- 2. At the baptism of Jesus Christ and His transfiguration, what did the Father speak so that those in attendance could hear? Who were these words for? Why were they important? What does this tell you about the relationship Jesus had with His Heavenly Father?

- 3. Why is it imperative that intimacy and identity proceed activity? How are you growing in your foundation of identity and intimacy? Why must you be overflowing with God to be able to serve well?
- 4. How does God view us as His children? How much does He truly love us? How well have you appropriated that truth in your life?
- 5. Who created us? Why were we created? What is God's good purpose? How would you sum up God's command for every believer in one statement? What does it mean to love God and love others?
- 6. What does it mean to be a servant? What does it mean to be a slave? Why does greatness involve downward mobility? What pedigree does a believer need to possess in order to serve? Where should a believer serve? What believer is excused from serving the Lord?
- 7. Why should Jesus Christ get our best works of service? Why should the local church be the primary place of your service? How can you personally give more of your time? Talents? Treasures? How is God asking you to serve in this season?
- 8. What does it mean that we are all on God's kingdom field and there are no benchwarmers? How is Jesus Christ getting His best in and through you today? How can you allow Christ to lead your life more effectively?
- 9. What is God's game plan that He has prepared for you? What does Pastor Jeff mean when he says that 95% of what God desires is already highlighted in the Scriptures for every believer? How can you best serve Jesus Christ through His church in this season?
- 10. How can you discover your best gifts? Why is community essential to becoming your best for the Lord? What community are you presently connected with at BRAVE Church? How are you going to become connected at BRAVE Church?
- 11. What does it mean to seek His face? Obey His Word? Find out where God is working and join Him? Listen for the affirmation of God and others? How has God been answering these questions for you?
- 12. What ministry are you going to serve with in this next season? How has God been preparing you for that ministry?
- 13. Why is it important to continue to take steps of faith? Why is stretching your faith in the area of your giftedness so important? How can you take a greater step of faith in the area of your gifting?
- 14. How are you going to serve at BRAVE Church in this season? Why?

15. What was most personally impactful for you from this teaching? How can you best apply what God is sharing with you?