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THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Eph. 2:8-9 (Gospel)

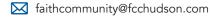
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Monday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read **O**bservations you are making about a passage

Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: What's the most amazing thing you've ever seen a person do – either in person or on video?

Note About the Passage: The scripture reading today is the story of humanity in just a few verses. The "world to come" in verse 5 is a reference to the completely renewed creation that is coming the end of time – a completely new world. In verses 6-7, the author quotes from Psalm 8, which is a reflection on the majesty of God and the dignity of human beings. The Psalmist is in awe of God – humanity seems so trivial and small in comparison, yet God treats us with such dignity.

Read Hebrews 2:5-9

- **S:** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit? What makes it stand out, do you think?
- O: What do you notice about humanity and humanity's purpose in this passage?
- O: In the Bible "Son of man" can refer to humanity or to Jesus. With this in mind, do you think the pronoun "him" in verse 8 is a reference to humanity or to Jesus? Try reading it both ways and see if its meaning strikes you any differently.
- O: What would it look like for everything to be in subjection under the feet of the son of man (whether that be Jesus or humanity)?
- **O:** According to this passage, what was it that allowed Jesus to be crowned with glory and honor? Is that what you would expect to be a part of glory and honor?
- A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A: Does your life, relationships, habits, and practices match the purpose of humanity given in this passage? If you wanted your life to match better, what would it look like?
- A: Are there any ways you can embrace the suffering of death in your life, in order to receive the glory and honor that Jesus desires to share with us?
- P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.