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THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

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RECAP: This week we celebrate Easter, or Resurrection Sunday. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is Good News, the fulfillment of God's redemption plan for His people. In order to know the good news, we need to begin with the bad news, the reason that it was necessary that Christ would come to live and die.

In Ephesians 2, the Apostle Paul begins with the stark reminder that we were dead, walking in brokenness from our sin and selfishness. But God, rich in mercy, because of His love, made us alive with Christ. Dead things don't normally come back to life. Dead things don't have power to revive themselves. It is extraordinary kindness (grace) that God would make us alive again. And not just alive, but alive *with* Christ. We get to live a life of participation. As you reflect on the following questions keep in mind the stunning gift of participation that Christ's death and resurrection have given to us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How would you react if you came across someone that had come back to life? What questions would you ask?
- Read Ephesians 2:4-5. What is the reason that God make us alive with Christ?
- Why is it important that we live in participation with Christ? What can we possibly offer to Him?
- Consider the word "workmanship" (Greek *poema*) in verse 10. In what ways are you God's poem?
- These verses speak about grace. How would you explain grace to a child?
- Who are you already in relationship with that needs to be reminded of this kindness of God to make dead people alive?
- Who needs to hear this good news for the first time? How can you take a step to share it with them this week?