The Beginning of a New Life ... Ephesians 2:1-10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." ... Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

1. Contemplating your own Mortality... (A Review!)

Scripture... Acts 9:1-22 / Acts 22:3-21

2. The End of an Old Life...

Scripture... *Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 6:1-23, Galatians 1:22-24, Psalm 103:11-12*

3. A Transformed and New Life... The New has Come!

Scripture... Romans 12:1-2, 2Corinthians 5:17-21, Philippians 3:13-14

- 4. One Final Decision to Make...
- 1. Will you Own It?
- 2. How does it effect your life on a daily basis?

Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...be descriptive!

2. In <u>Acts 9:5</u> and <u>Acts 22:8-10</u>, Saul asks the Lord Jesus two very important questions..."Who are You, Lord" and "What shall I do, Lord" or "What do You want me to do?" These are two very important questions for our own lives as well...

Last week you were challenged to ask the Lord Jesus these questions throughout the week, with an open heart to hear His answers? Did you spend time with the Lord regarding these questions?

What were the results as you asked Him these two questions this week?

- 1. Who are You, Lord?
- 2. What do You want me to do, Lord?
- **3. READ** <u>2Corinthians 5:17</u> together... What does this scripture mean to your life, and how have you seen/experienced it in your own life?
- **4.** In <u>2Corinthians 5:21</u> we see that "<u>For our sake</u> He <u>made Him to be sin who knew no sin</u>, so that <u>in Him</u> we might become the righteousness of God"...

Explain in your own words what this really means, and the effect it should have on your life...

5. In <u>Ephesians 2:10</u> we're told, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them". This tells us that our identity <u>In Him</u>, is a call to action <u>For Him!</u>

How is this lived out in your life?

6. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the *5 Principles for the Christian Man*, help equip you to apply this to your life? Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (Relationship)
- God's Word (Knowledge and Understanding)
- Worship (Adoration)
- Fellowship (Encouragement and Accountability)
- Service (Caring for Others, Action to your Belief)