

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Trusting God produces good works that please God and make Him visible.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrews 11:1-6—I must trust God to please God.

1 Peter 5:5-7—God helps the weak and I am weak.

1 John 4:1-19—I must receive love to give love.

Romans 8:6-14—I can defeat sin with God's help.

Matthew 6:12-15—God forgives me so that I can forgive others.

Ephesians 2:1-10—Trusting God produces good works that please God and make Him visible.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What do you think about the following statements?

- I can't please God
- I can't fool anyone
- I can't protect myself

Ephesians 2:1-10

Where are you right now if you are a follower of Christ?

Why are you there? What is God's purpose for you?

Why has He paid such a huge price to bring you to this place?

Which of the above scriptures or ideas has most challenged your thinking about your relationship with Jesus and your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Which of these scriptures or ideas has been most difficult for you to apply?

What's next for you to keep growing to become more like Jesus?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His amazing grace.

Be honest with God about whether you are trusting Him or trying to please Him.

Thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Ask God to reveal the next step He wants you to take.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ EPHESIANS 2:6-7

Why does God want us close to Him?

Who does God want to show His love & kindness to?

Look at something through a magnifying glass, microscope, or the bottom of a glass.

Does it help you see more clearly?

READ EPHESIANS 2:8-10

Are we saved by something we do?

Why do we do good things?

Take a neighborhood walk and pick up litter.

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:14-16

Why shouldn't we complain or argue?

How are we like shining stars?

What is shining out of us?

Have dinner by candlelight.

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

How did Jesus show God's love & glory to us?

Draw a picture of one way

you show God's love to others.

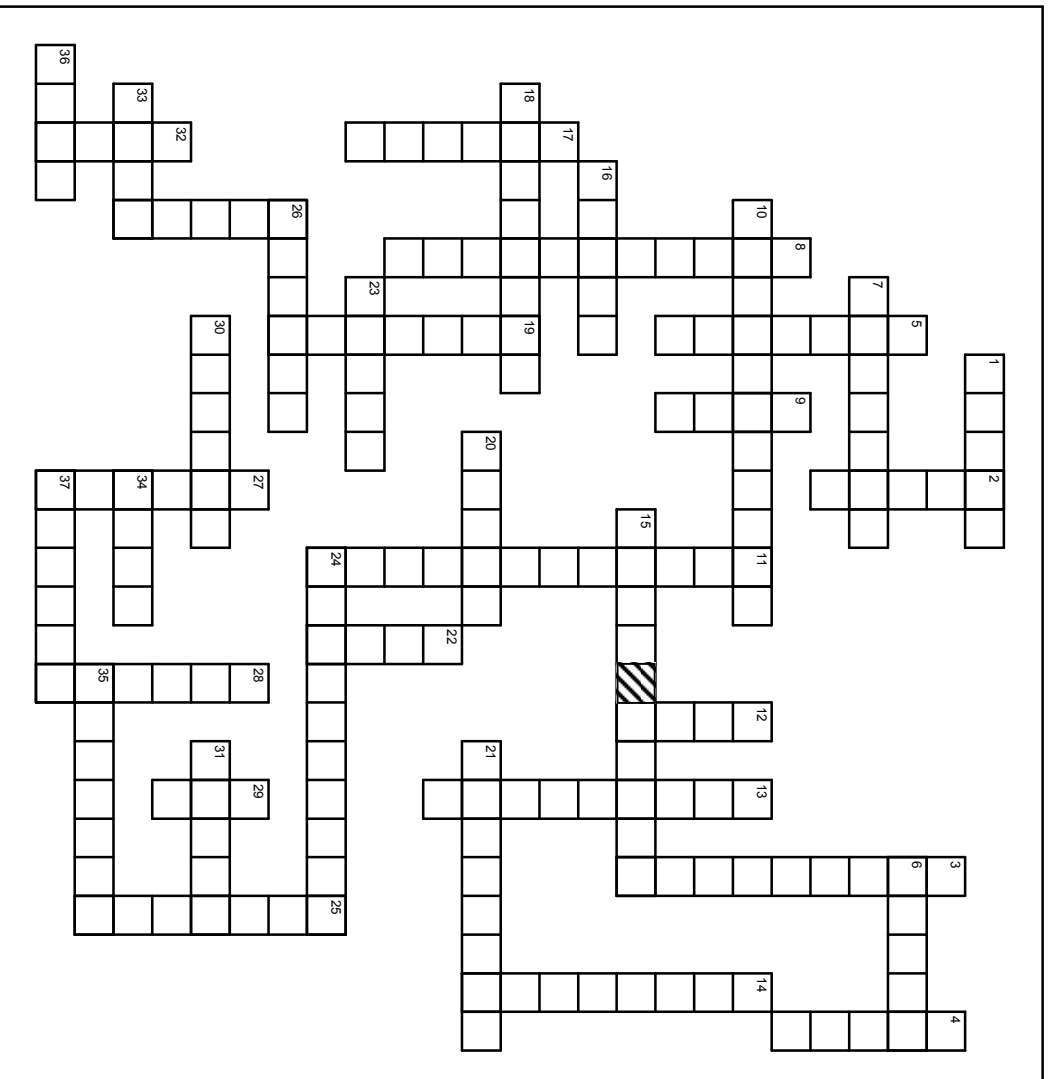
MEMORY VERSE:

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1 Peter 5:6&7 (NIV)

HONOR GOD

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



Across

1. where Jesus showed his heart (Philippians 2:8)
6. work (Philippians 2:16)
7. fighting with words (Philippians 2:14)
10. creation (Ephesians 2:10)
15. as we become more like Jesus we do these things (Ephesians 2:10)
16. things in the sky that give off light (Philippians 2:15)
18. generous behavior (Ephesians 2:7)
20. honor (Philippians 2:11)
21. evil (Philippians 2:15)
23. belief that is acted upon (Ephesians 2:8)
24. all (Philippians 2:14)
26. more important (Philippians 2:3)
30. lifted (Ephesians 2:6)
31. things you have done (Ephesians 2:9)
33. present (Ephesians 2:8)
34. pay attention (Philippians 2:4)
35. raised and lifted up (Philippians 2:9)
36. times (Ephesians 2:6)
37. firmly put (Ephesians 2:6)

Down

2. give off light (Philippians 2:15)
3. free of guilt (Philippians 2:15)
4. undeserved favor (Ephesians 2:8)
5. bent (Philippians 2:15)
8. whining (Philippians 2:14)
9. created (Ephesians 2:10)
11. like no other (Ephesians 2:7)
12. display (Ephesians 2:7)
13. shown (Ephesians 2:7)
14. thoughts behind your actions (Philippians 2:5)
17. things that are worth a lot (Ephesians 2:7)
19. one who takes care of others (Philippians 2:7)
22. identical (Philippians 2:2)
25. held on to at all costs (Philippians 2:6)
26. brag (Ephesians 2:9)
27. kingdoms (Ephesians 2:6)
28. at one with (Philippians 2:1)
29. a position of humility (Philippians 2:10)
32. opposite of death (Philippians 2:16)

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raised	seated	incomparable	show	realms
ages	riches	grace	expressed	faith
gift	kindness	works	boast	workmanship
made	good works	everything	complaining	shine
blameless	life	arguing	crooked	depraved
stars	labor	united	same	better
look	attitude	grasped	servant	cross
exalted	bow	glory		

HONOR GOD

.IHAFT	-----	GLYRO	-----
.INOAMIPNLGG	-----	LOKO	-----
.TEDSEA	-----	AEMS	-----
.IRHECS	-----	WBO	-----
.GASE	-----	WSHO	-----
.EDTUNI	-----	AECLMRNIPPOBA	-----
.PESAGRD	-----	WHIPIOKRMANS	-----
.DRVPEAED	-----	ESNIH	-----
.CAERG	-----	DEAIR	-----
.OOEKRDC	-----	REGEVYHTN	-----
.BETETR	-----	EDSSEPRX	-----
.TOABS	-----	RLAMSE	-----
.OSKWR	-----	ITFG	-----
.LTEXAED	-----	EMAD	-----
.ABLMLESES	-----	SOSCR	-----
.AINGGUR	-----	ATSENRV	-----
.SSDKENNI	-----	UDTTATIE	-----
.LLEF	-----	LRAOB	-----
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