

As there is a great deal of talk about God's activity in the nation, a question arises for us to think about.

***What would you like God to do or make happen in the nation?***

The answer reveals both our desires and priorities as we seek to understand and be part of what the Lord is doing.

1. According to Ephesians 2:1–3, in what sense are all people "spiritually poor" before Christ?
2. How does being "dead in sin" compare to being materially poor or powerless in society?
3. How does Paul describe God's response to our condition in verses 4–7?
4. What do verses 8–9 teach us about human inability to "earn" salvation?
5. How does God's mercy toward us set an example for how we should treat the poor and vulnerable?
6. What does verse 10 say about the purpose of our new life in Christ?
7. Verse 10 says we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works." How might caring for the poor be one of those "good works"?
8. How does recognising our spiritual poverty without Christ affect the way we see the materially poor?
9. In what ways might pride or self-sufficiency keep us from both receiving God's grace and serving others with humility?
10. How can our church (or small group) embody God's grace by being compassionate towards the poor and marginalised in our community?
11. What are some practical ways you can reflect God's mercy and generosity this week?
12. How might remembering that salvation is a gift (not something earned) shape the way we give to and serve others?

## Prayer Points

Pray for the church ministries as the groups start up again this week. Pray for the leaders, teams and those who they serve to be blessed and grace filled.

Refugees in Cyprus are fleeing war-torn countries such as Afghanistan, Palestine and D R Congo. Pray they would find a warm welcome at the BMS supported welcome centre.

## Sermon Notes

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# BIBLE STUDY

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Knowing Jesus,  
Transforming Lives and  
Changing Society**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

If you would like to join a Connect Group, please contact the church office 01424 730001