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Home Group Discussion Guide

4 Facts About Salvation

1 Timothy 2:3-6

ICEBREAKER: If you could visit with any person in history, who would it be and why?

OVERVIEW: Jesus saves! That's what the Bible says, but what does it mean? What is salvation? In 1 Timothy 2:3-6 the apostle Paul writes down 4 facts about salvation: Salvation is for everyone; salvation means reconciliation; salvation is redemption from sin; and the way of salvation is clear. In this study we will dive deeper into the blessings of our great salvation through Jesus Christ.

1. Read 1 Timothy 2:3-6. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. When were you saved, and how has it changed you?
3. How would you define salvation in your own words?
4. The first fact about salvation is that salvation is for everyone ("3 This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved). It is helpful to think of salvation in its past, present and future tenses. What is the difference between justification, sanctification and glorification?
5. Why are you thankful for justification, sanctification and glorification (choose one)?

6. Calvinists believe that God only elects (appoints/chooses) some to salvation, and this has nothing to do with their choice or free will or faith; His election is unconditional. How does 1 Timothy 2:3-4 fit it with or contradict this view?

- **BONUS POINTS:** What are the 5 points of Calvinism, and how does Arminianism counter each point? (Hint: TULIP)

7. The second fact about salvation is that it means reconciliation with God. Why are you thankful for reconciliation?
8. There are two words that help us understand our reconciliation with God: Adoption and access. Which one are you the most thankful for?
9. The third fact about salvation is that it means redemption from sin. Why are you thankful for redemption? How has redemption impacted your daily life?
10. The fourth fact about salvation is that the way of salvation is clear ("5 For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.") What would you say to those who believe there are many gods and many paths to God?

The Last Word: The Bible doesn't say that good people go to heaven; it says that saved people go to heaven. How do you get saved? By faith, or by trusting in Jesus as your Savior. By relying on what He did for you, not relying on how good you are.