

## DISCUSSION GUIDE



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God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating. (Col. 1:12-13).

**FINDING YOURSELF IN THE STORY**

*God is all about rescue.*

He doesn't wait for us to save ourselves. Instead, the resurrection of Jesus proves that God meets us in the pits and dungeons of this life and brings us out.

- Share a time in your life when you experienced God's rescue.
- If you haven't yet had that experience, can you think of a current "dungeon" or "pit" you're struggling with?

**LET'S DISCUSS**

"He wants not only us but *everyone* saved, you know, *everyone* to get to know the truth we've learned: that there's one God and only one...Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for *everyone* held captive by sin, to set them *all* free." (1 Timothy 2:5)

- **Jesus doesn't pick favorites.** He wants every single person to come to know freedom from sin and abundant life in him. *Why do you think it's common to assume salvation is about rules and not about accepting a free gift?*
- **Nobody is beyond God's grace.** Think about someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus. *How would you explain 1 Timothy 2:5 to them in your own words?*

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## CONSIDER THIS

*The miracle of the cross was that there was no miracle.*

- **Read the following passages:**

"And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" (Lk. 23:35)

**Read Matthew 26:53 and John 10:18.**

- Jesus had heavenly authority and undeniable power while on earth. He decided to deny his own strength in order to save us. What does that tell us about God's willingness to rescue the lost?
- Why do you think people wanted a Messiah that couldn't be murdered, instead of one who chose to be?

## REAL TALK

God's rescue does not mean that our problems go away, but that we have an undercurrent of hope and peace in the presence of hard things.

- **Where are you currently experiencing this kind of hope and peace even in the hard stuff of your own life?**

The word "ALIVE" is written in large, bold, capital letters. The letters are filled with a gradient of colors: 'A' is dark purple, 'L' is purple, 'I' is pink, 'V' is red, and 'E' is orange. The background of the letters is a textured, slightly grainy surface.

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## NEXT STEPS

HE BROUGHT ME OUT  
INTO A BROAD  
PLACE;  
HE RESCUED ME,  
BECAUSE HE  
DELIGHTED IN ME.  
(PS. 18:19)

FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE  
BEEN SAVED THROUGH  
FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT  
YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS  
THE GIFT OF GOD,  
(EPH 2:8).

*God doesn't rescue us because he thinks we're worthless and hopeless. He rescues us because he delights in us.*

### **What is one thing about you that you think delights God?**

For some of us, it's much easier to talk about what we need to be rescued from, but it's much harder to talk about why we are worth rescuing. Even so, try to share at least one thing.

If your faith is in Jesus, you are saved. Nothing more is required for salvation.

**Take time to thank God in prayer for the gift of his rescue.**