

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Hope in a Broken World – Ephesians 2:1-10

1. Are you a glass half full or half empty kind of person?

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

2. What does it normally mean to be dead? Is this how Paul is using the word?
3. What's the connection between 'trespasses and sins' and death?
4. What are the two things that those who are 'dead' follow?
5. Who does Paul include in this category of 'dead'? (check v1 and 4)
6. Is this perspective a little too pessimistic about people and the world? Why/Why not?
7. Why is it that Paul describes people who seem to be well and truly alive, as dead?

Read Ephesians 2:4-10

8. Why is the word 'But' so important in verse 4?
9. How can the dead be made alive?
10. What does it mean that we have been raised up with Christ in the heavenly places? Have we received all that God has promised us? Is the resurrection more symbolic than physical? (please check v7 as well!!)
11. Why is it that people in world are prepared to accept death as 'a natural part of life'? What is Paul's view of death?
12. In verse 8 and 9 Paul speaks about our role in our resurrection. Does this fit with your understanding of the gospel? What can a dead person contribute?
13. What implications should this have for our work of evangelism?
14. Is this passage a reason for pessimism or a reason for hope?
15. What should be our prayer for our world its people who are dead?