

# AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

## Week 2

Mk. 1:1-2,14-15; Eph. 2:1-10

### General:

- If you stood before God today and He asked, “Why should I let you into Heaven?” — what would you say?
- When you think about how you can know for sure that you’re going to Heaven, how would you have answered before this message? Has anything changed?
- If you were to weigh your life on a scale of good and bad choices, how confident would you be in the outcome? Why?
- How does the idea that Heaven isn’t earned by outweighing your bad choices with good ones challenge the way you’ve thought about faith?
- In Mk. 1:14–15, Jesus says the “time is fulfilled” and “the kingdom of God is at hand.” What do you think it means that the time is now? How is that urgent for us?
- Pastor Chip talked about Heaven and earth being separated by sin. What examples in our world and/or in your own life remind you of that separation?
- Which of Pastor Chip’s definitions of sin hit you the hardest? Why? How does it challenge your everyday life or mindset?
- Pastor Chip said: “Being a Christian isn’t simply about saying a prayer and holding to some ideas... but joining a story, being an active participant in a long unfolding plan, that requires our allegiance.” How does this challenge shallow or cultural views of Christianity?

- If God is infinitely holy and righteous, and our best deeds can't earn His favor, how does that deepen your understanding of grace?
- Re-read Eph. 2:1–4. Paul describes who we were before Christ, but then he says, "But God..." How does that phrase change everything?
- Has there been a specific moment in your life when you placed your trust in Jesus alone for salvation? If yes, what happened? If not, what's holding you back?

Take Home 1: Recognize that right now is the time

- What makes people put off responding to God's call? Have you ever done this yourself?
- As a follower of Jesus, who in your life needs to hear the hope of Him? What's stopping you from sharing it with them now?

Take Home 2: Repent of trying to find life, do life, or maximize life on your own terms

- In what ways do people today try to find life apart from God? Which of these temptations pulls at you the most?
- What does genuine repentance look like for you right now (not just in words, but in action)?

Take Home 3: Respond by living a life based on God's Word

- How are you responding to God's Word in your life today? What's one next step you can take this week?
- If following Jesus is joining His story, what role do you see yourself playing right now in His unfolding plan?