

Firm Foundations: The Church
Ephesians 2: 19 – 22
April 14, 2024

Sermon Notes and Outline

Main Point: We are the church, the people of God united with Him and one another through Jesus.

As the people of God, we are:

1. Fellow Citizens. Vs. 19a
2. Members of one Family. Vs. 19b
3. Built on a firm foundation. Vs. 20
4. Being built into something beautiful. Vs. 21 - 22

R Group Questions

- What were your initial observations or thoughts from Sunday's sermon?
- This sermon focused more on having a right understanding of the Church than how we act. How does a right (or wrong) understanding of the church affect our actions in the church?
- Paul describes the people of God as citizenship, a family and a building. What are ways that the local church is like this? What about the global / universal church?
- How is a relationship with the local church connected to a relationship with God?
- How has the local church helped you grow in your walk with Christ? How has the Lord used your place in the local church to help others grow?
- How would you help a new believer see and understand the importance of the local church?
- What would you say to a believer who has been wounded by the local church and is hesitant to start attending again?
- What would you say to someone who used to attend our church regularly but has drifted away for a variety of small reasons?

Challenge: Recent studies have shown that among those who have drifted away from the local church for simple factors that have caused them to get out of the habit, nearly all would return to church if they were just contacted by someone and invited back. As a group, consider one or two people who have drifted away and reach out to them this week.