

Reclaiming Diversity (Ephesians 2:13-22)

Reclaiming [Your] Faith

Discussion Questions

What “lens/es” discussed in the message influence your view of racial reconciliation? Why?

Have you experienced segregation or integration of ethnicities in church?

Read Ephesians 2:13-22.

- Who are the “two” who become “one new man” in verses 14 and 15?
- Why was there hostility between them?
- What is the “dividing wall of hostility?” (See one example of the hostility in Acts 10:28.)
- What did Jesus do to break it down?
- What does Ephesians 2:15 mean when it says “by abolishing the law of commandments expresses in ordinances”?
- The word “new” in Ephesians 2:15 refers to “new of its kind.” Why does that matter when referring to “one new man in place of two”?
- What does Ephesians 2:21 say about the process of spiritual growth (progressive sanctification)?

Read Galatians 2:11-14.

- Why did Paul confront Peter? What had he done wrong?
- What language does Paul use to describe Peter’s conduct? Why does that matter so much?
- Why should Peter have known better? (See Acts 10)

Describe in your own words how a gospel formed identity leads to racial reconciliation?

Read Revelation 5:9-10 and Revelation 7:9

- What does the passage say about the multiethnic kingdom of God?
- Why is the multiethnic church so important to God?

Which of the gospel identities (citizens, family, missionaries) does Ephesians 2:13-22 highlight?