

Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 5, 2023

Ephesians 2:14-3:7 – Breaking Barriers

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time you accidentally entered a situation where you did not belong.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

Our God is a God of reconciliation. He reconciles us with Himself, and He calls us to reconcile with one another.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read – Ephesians 2:14-18

- Did you grow up FAR OFF from God or NEAR to God?
- Can you remember a time when you felt completely disconnected from God? When was that? What was your life like at that time?
- When do you remember first understanding that you had peace with God?

Read – Ephesians 2:19-22

- Share a time you “put yourself out there” and had to wait to see if you were “accepted”. What were your feelings as you waited on the answer?
- Share a time you really sensed that God had accepted you. What was the situation? What caused you to understand God’s acceptance of you?

- Why do you think God created us to exist in community?
- What are some things that have made it difficult for you to engage in Christian community over the years?

Read – Ephesians 3:1

- How is it a positive thing to be a prisoner of Christ?
- Have you ever been a prisoner of something else? What was that like?

Read – Ephesians 3:2

- How can we use the grace God has given us to help other people?

Read – Ephesians 3:3

- In what ways have you experienced supernatural revelation from God?

Read – Ephesians 3:4-5

- How is it a benefit for us to live today and have the mystery revealed?

Read – Matthew 5:23-24

- Why would God want us to be reconciled with others?
- Why would Satan want us to NOT be reconciled with others?
- Share a time you had real reconciliation with a broken relationship. How did it take place? How did you feel after the reconciliation took place?

Read – Ephesians 3:7

- How have you seen God's power at work lately?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Take some time each week to share prayer requests and praise reports. Have someone in your group record these prayer requests and email them out to the whole group to be praying for each other throughout the week. Close with a time of prayer.