

The Church... A *Master* Planned Community
No Insiders or Outsiders...*We All Have the Same Benefits* (Eph. 2:11-22)
Small Group Study Questions for the week of Feb 22-28

GETTING STARTED

Thinking back to your high school days, was there a time or situation you recall where you felt like an outsider, excluded from a certain group? What was it like? Can you remember a time when you were an “insider” in a group looking out at others “outside”? What did that feel like?

DIGGING DEEP

Read through Ephesians 2:11-22 together as a group

1. From v.11-12, what are the things Paul wants the Gentile Ephesians to remember?
2. While we don't have the Jew/Gentile division to the extent the Ephesians did, what might be a parallel division today?
3. The apostle Paul emphasizes the need to “remember” in v.11-12, why do you feel he is making such a big deal about this?
4. What do you think Paul's main point is in v.13-17?
5. He uses the word “peace” four times in these verses. What does he mean by “peace”?
6. According to v.15-16, how does God create ‘one new person’ out of Jews and Gentiles?
7. How could being “reconciled” to God affect our relationships with others?
8. What difference might this truth make in our church?
9. What are some of the benefits of becoming “one” in v.18-22? How do you think people felt about this?
10. What can we learn about this “new temple” getting built in v.19-22?

A MATTER OF PRAYER

11. How might v.19-22 influence us today? See also I Peter 2:6.
12. What from v.18-22 would you like to experience more and why?
13. Can you think of a division in any of your relationships? How would like others to pray for that?

Next Week: Ephesians 3:1-13