

The Book of Ephesians (Week 4) – Study notes

Ephesians 2:11-22

1. Read through the passage several times. What are some of the verses that catch your attention and why?
2. From verse 11-12 Paul describes the difference that used to exist between the Jews as God's people and the rest of the nations that were considered "Gentiles". Have you ever felt that next to the Jews we are kind of 2nd class? What do you think is Paul trying to convey to us about that difference?
3. In verse 13 Paul says we have been brought near to God through Christ. Why is it then that sometimes, some Christians feel that God is far away from them?
4. How does Paul reflect on divisions of race between Jews and non-Jews that Christ came to eradicate? Do you think that racism is still alive in well in the church and why?
5. At the end of this passage Paul speaks about us being built up to form a "holy temple". How do you think we can contribute to that becoming a reality as a congregation?
6. In verse 18 Paul speaks about having access to the Father. How are you making use of that access in your own life? What does this mean to you?