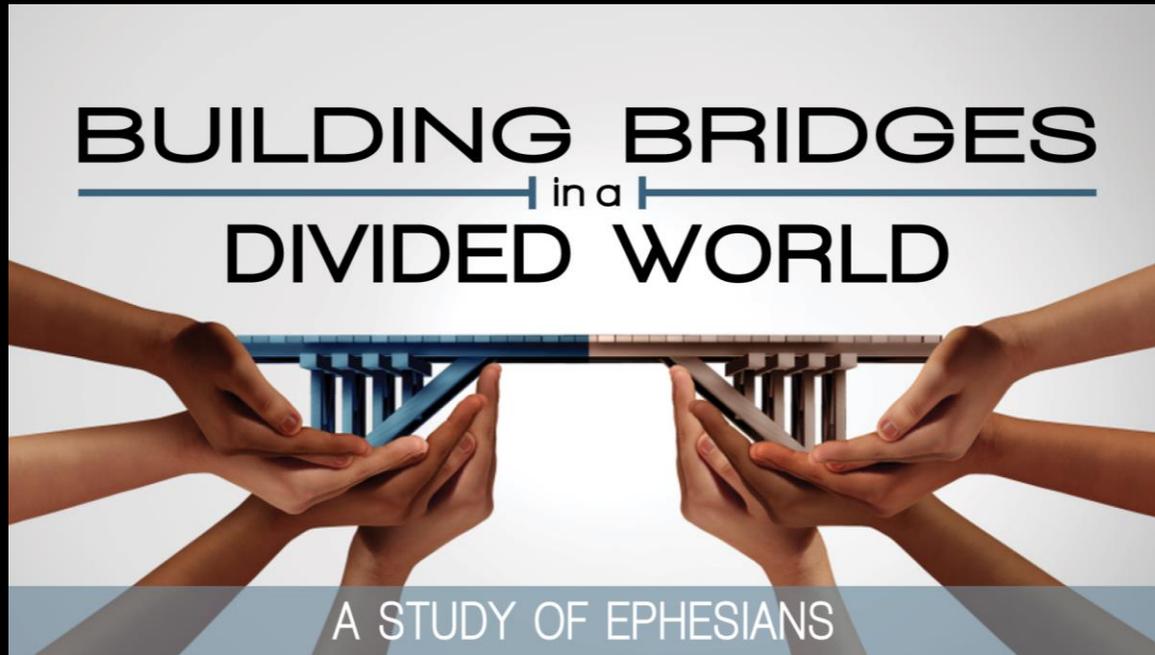


Building Bridges in a Divided World: Broken Barriers



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Ephesians 2:11-3:6

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us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

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3:1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,

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⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 2:11-12

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- By hearing from the Holy Spirit

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Ephesians 2:19-22

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Our Distinctives

Extensively But Not Exclusively Asian-American

We feel uniquely positioned to reach people who are English speaking Asians living in the greater Seattle area. However, our overriding calling as Christians is to love all people, including and inviting them to faith in Christ and to become a part of our church family. (Galatians 2:7-8)

Application

- Who might God be calling you to reconcile to?

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- Who might God be calling you to reconcile to?
- In what ways are you embracing tension in your faith life? Is there a way God might be calling you to stretch?