

EPHESIANS

Tear Down Hostile Walls

As an Individual

The hostile walls we build in our lives often stem from our fears and insecurities. Take some quiet time to reflect on the walls you've built—physical, relational, or spiritual—that might be keeping you or others from experiencing God's love. Ask God to reveal which walls He wants to tear down in your life and how you can participate in His reconciling work as His representative on earth.

As a Group:

1. Discuss some of the hostile walls you've noticed in your own life or in society.
2. Discuss how these walls impact our relationships with: God / Others
3. Share how you've experienced God tearing down walls in your own life.

Review these Scriptures

Ephesians 2:11-18 / Galatians 3:28 / Acts 10:34-35

Consider these Questions

Focus on seeing others as image-bearers regardless of our differences and recognize how Christ tears down walls of hostility.

1. Who do you refer to as "them" or "those people"? What groups do you see as different or separate from yourself?
2. What parts of God's character or teachings have you (or others) used to build hostile walls that keep people from Him?
3. What wall is keeping you from full surrender to God? What areas of your life are you still guarding?
4. How does fear impact the walls we build? What are you afraid might happen if you tear down these walls?
5. How can you help tear down the walls that keep others from experiencing God's love and grace?
6. In what ways can our church community work together to tear down walls rather than build them?
7. How does the gospel fundamentally change how we view divisions between people?
8. What practical steps can you take this week to begin tearing down a wall in your life or helping someone else tear down theirs?