

## **Ephesians 2:11-22 – Week 4 Study Questions**

Many times, as Christians we focus on the fact that God saved us to be with Him. This is 100% correct, but it's also more than that. God saved us to be in unity with others. This was part of His plan all along, not something that just happened. Often, we can ask questions like, "Is peace/unity really possible?" Paul tells us that not only is it possible, it is what Christ died for.

Read Ephesians 2:11-22 What are some things that stand out to you as you read?

Think about your life before God (if you have one that you remember). What were some things you thought were "good" but now understand they weren't?

I am grateful to be an American, but sometimes we can take that pride to a level that is too far. How can our pride of being an American be a downfall to our unity and witness to Jesus?

Romans 3:2 and 9:4-5 share how the Jews did have an advantage over Gentiles. What were these advantages and how were they an advantage?

Often, we try to find peace outside of Jesus (political powers, social media, distracting ourselves through our job, our relationships, etc.). What are some ways you try to find peace outside of Jesus, and why does it not work?

Jesus saved us to unify us with all other believers to be a witness to the world by our unity. Thinking specifically of Journey Community Church, what keeps us from doing this? What are some ways that we excel in this?

Paul says that at one time we “were” strangers and aliens. If we are in Christ, this is no longer our identity, but sometimes the feelings remain. Do you sometimes still feel like a stranger to God and His people? Why do you think that is and how can we change it?

Digging Deeper: Considering what Paul writes about us being a spiritual house for God, what does this mean about being a part of the local church?