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Included in a New Community

Discussion Guide | September 8, 2019

Ephesians 2:11-3:13

Questions for Study and Discussion

**** Before you begin, please read Ephesians 2:11-3:13
(These questions will focus primarily on Ephesians 2:11-22.)**

1. Share an experience when you were part of a team (or some other group) that unified a diverse group of people around a specific purpose. In what lasting ways did this experience shape you?
2. Create a short list of differences that often divide. Why are people often so threatened by difference?
3. How can the church be a unified community – even as the church is composed of so many different kinds of people (different interests, different ethnicities, different generations, etc.)?
4. From Ephesians 2:13, how has Jesus made a new, unified community possible? Explain your answer.
5. Look closely at Ephesians 2:14-22. What new realities have been made possible by the work of Jesus? Work to identify at least 4-5 observations.
6. Look back at your observations from the previous question. In what practical ways do these things impact life in community?
7. Read the following passages of Scripture. What do these verses add to the unity we have because of Jesus?

Galatians 3:28

Ephesians 4:3-6

Revelation 7:9-10

8. Why is a unified community so important in our own spiritual growth?
9. In what specific ways has Christian community contributed to your own spiritual growth?
10. Review Ephesians 2:11-3:13 as a whole one more time. What big take-aways are you leaving with? What is one way the message of this passage will influence your life this coming week?
11. **Challenge:** Memorize Ephesians 2:13: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.