

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

ONE IN CHRIST | Ephesians 2:11-22

WORSHIP

How can your discipleship group start with **worship** today?

WALK

Spend time **understanding** and **applying** God's Word.

1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

Is salvation and faith a personal or a corporate reality? What effect does it have on each?

Read Ephesians 2:11-22. Let's begin with unity. From these verses, what unifies us as followers of Christ? Given our increasingly contentious culture, do you believe that's enough?

Why were the various factions in the early church filled with hostility? What does Paul say is the solution?

Why do you think God cares so much about the unity of His followers (John 17:20-26)?

2. ASSESS + APPLY

Work out Paul's solution to the hostility between factions in our modern world. What does it look like practically for us to live in unity and without hostility with other believers?

Sometimes the content of our hostility is doctrinal -- and sometimes it's an issue of personal christian liberty (something we get to decide upon wisely under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and God's Word). What method, process, factors, and/or wisdom would you use to determine whether the issue at hand is a serious doctrinal concern or a minor doctrinal concern or an issue of personal Christian liberty?

Personal opinions don't have the power to redeem. We must submit our personal opinions to God's Word and the truth He's revealed to us. What opinions do you have that you feel convicted might need to take on less importance to you?

Unity is the responsibility of every believer. Do you have unresolved conflict with any other followers of Christ? How should this be resolved biblically? Conclude by praying as Jesus prayed - that His Church would be unified.

PRAYERS & APPLICATIONS

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5 DAY READING PLAN

Each day answer the questions: What does it **say**? What does it **mean**? How should I **respond**?

DAY 1
Eph 2:11-12

DAY 2
Eph 2:13

DAY 3
Eph 2:14-16

DAY 4
Eph 2:17-18

DAY 5
Eph 2:19-22

WORK

How should this message affect how you **serve one another**?

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WITNESS

How should this message affect how you **share the Gospel**?

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