

## **Feb 2/25 – Small Group Questions**

### **Ephesians 2:11 -22 The Gospel Heals Divisions**

1. In this text Paul will be speaking into a division between Jew and Gentile. What are some of the divisions that exist in our world? What is the contemporary wisdom for how to address those divisions?

#### **Read Ephesians 2:11-22**

##### **You were...**

2. (12) What was the Gentile relationship to God before Christ? What do each of these phrases mean?
3. (11-12) Paul wants them to “remember” this reality. What impact would remembering who they were before Christ have on the relationship between Jew and Gentile?

##### **But now...**

4. (13-18) How does Jesus’ work on the cross reconcile Jew and Gentile? How did he break down the barrier?
5. (18) What is the ultimate result of Jesus’ work on the cross?
6. Seeing that both Jew and Gentile were in equal need of the work of Jesus to make peace with God on the cross – what impact would holding onto that truth have on the relationship between Jew and Gentile?

##### **So then...**

7. Because we have been made into a new humanity by the work of Jesus we are to relate to one another in a new way. As fellow citizens, as members of the household, as being joined together into a holy temple (holy of holies) where God dwells. Explore each image together and talk about what each image teaches us about how we are to relate to one another?

I. Fellow Citizens

II. Members of Household of God

III. Joined in a Holy Temple

8. What impact do these truths have on how we relate to those who are different from us?