

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

Sermon Reflection Questions

These questions are designed to help individuals, families, and small groups discuss and apply passages in the Ephesians sermon series as taught at Grace Bible Church in fall 2017.

Observe & Interpret

Read Ephesians 2:11-12. Why was there such hostility between Jews and Gentiles in the 1st Century? See Jeremiah 39:6-8; Matthew 2:16-18; Acts 10:28; 11:1-3; 21:26-30.

Read Ephesians 2:13-18. What does Paul mean by the word “peace”? What types of peace did Jesus’ death and resurrection bring to humanity?

Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What metaphors does Paul use to describe the church? What’s the point of each metaphor?

Apply

Describe two times in your life when you’ve seen racism, bigotry, sexism, or class-warfare first hand.

Now the harder part: describe two times when you’ve seen it in yourself – whether just in your mind or actually expressed in word or deed.

What sinful beliefs and values lead people to be racist or bigoted?

What will you do this week to initiate with someone who is different than you? This could include inviting them into your life, learning from them, or serving them in some way.

The gospel is the only real solution to division. So just like last week, list two people you know who are far from Jesus. Pray for them each and for God to use you to share the gospel with them.

Memorize: Ephesians 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household