

OUR UNITY

EPHESIANS

Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Our Unity – Ephesians 2:11-3:13 – September 25, 2022

Additional Resources:

Gospel Identity – Brody Jespersen - <https://bit.ly/3Rm1wdV>
Ephesians for You – Richard Coekin - <https://amzn.to/3AB4699>
The Book of Ephesians – J.D. Greear - <https://bit.ly/3PYTc2x>

The goal of this time is to have quality connections and time together. Allow God to speak to you through His written Word. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW:

- How do you often identify yourself (ex: mother/father, husband/wife, career)? How can these identifying traits/markers be a hinderance in your life?
- Can you think of a time in your life when you felt like an outsider? How would you describe that experience?
- How do you feel about the changing seasons? Do you look forward to the cooler temperatures of Fall & Winter or want to hang on to Summer? How do the changing seasons affect your moods and rhythms?
- We've just concluded our first series in Ephesians where we talked about our identity in Christ. Take a minute and review what we learned about who we are in Christ. What are some of the blessings we have been given in Him?



GROW:

- Compare verses 19-21 with verse 12. What has happened in these seven verses? What terminology does Paul use?
- Look at verses 1-2 and 7-8. What was Paul's attitude toward his ministry? How was Paul's ministry the result of grace?
- This week we shift our focus to our unity in Christ. In Ephesians 2:11-12, Paul talks specifically about the circumcision (Jews) and the uncircumcision (Gentiles). According to verses 13-22, why is there no longer division between Jews and Greeks? Why is this a significant development in the Gospel narrative or the overall story of Scripture?
- Why does Paul refer to the gospel as the mystery of Christ? What was not known before Christ that has now been revealed through Him? (Hint: Look at verse 6)



SHOW:

- What individual Christians or groups of Christians are you separated or have distanced yourself from (because of theological, cultural, denominational, racial, or economic differences)? How does your view(s) need to change after studying this passage?
- This passage reminds us that God's grace flows into our lives not only for our own benefit but also for the benefit of others. Paul clearly saw how he fit into the big picture of God's plan. How do you see yourself fitting in?
- How does the church reflect the unity of Christ to the world around us? What are we doing well? Where do we need to grow and change?
- When Scripture talks about unity with other believers, who are we called to be unified in? What are the essentials for unity? What are things we can disagree about but still have unity with one another?