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24 May 26 | One New Humanity | Ephesians 2:11-22 | Nelson Schonfeldt

Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation Starter: If you could safely go back and witness one specific memory from your own life exactly as it happened, like a movie, which one would you pick?
2. Paul begins by calling Gentile believers to remember what they once were. Why is forgetfulness spiritually dangerous?
3. Read Ephesians 2:13-16. The text says Jesus didn't just make peace; He is our peace, and He "broke down the dividing wall of hostility" by creating one new humanity. In the ancient world, the divide between Jew and Gentile was massive. What are the modern "dividing walls" or cultural hostilities that we see splitting people apart today (even within the broader church)?
4. Honestly evaluating your own heart, do you ever find it easier to extend grace to people who share your background, politics, or lifestyle than to those who don't? What does it look like to practically "preach peace" to our own biases?
5. Think about a time you felt like an outsider or an "alien" in a group. How should the reality that we are all equal citizens in the church change the way we welcome new or "different" people into our church or life group?
6. If our church or our life group were to fully live out this passage this week, what is one concrete action we could take to bridge a divide in our neighbourhood, workplace, or family? Who is one "stranger" you can intentionally move toward?
7. The sermon ended with the question: "Am I a stone being built together, or a loose brick sitting nearby?" What would it look like for you this week to live more intentionally as part of the holy dwelling God is building?