

Life in the Kingdom

Participation

Ephesians 2:11-22

Pastor Chris Lenhart – June 25, 2023



Introduction

Do I belong here?

Further Study

Eph. 2:10

Hope Lives Here (11-13)

5 ways we were lacking...

Jer. 46:26;
48:47; 49:6;
49:39

God of the Nations, Savior of the World...

Peace Lives Here (14-18)

2 purposes revealed in the work of Jesus.

A body like no other, a new humanity.

God's Presence Dwells Here (19-22)

The significance of belonging.

Reflections, Takeaways, Applications & Next Steps....

A body where God is glorified as we practice his presence and encourage a sense of belonging.

**Paul continues to explore the corporate dimensions and implications of our faith from 2:11-3:16.*

Next Week: "We hold these truths..." Pastor Jim Davis

<p>Life in the Kingdom</p> <p>Participation</p> <p>Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Eph. 2:11-22</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Ephesians 2:11-22</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who are the outsiders in our churches and congregations today? What labels to we apply that have created division, and promoted hostility that, because of Jesus and the cross, should not exist? 2. Discuss the ways that Paul talks about the hopelessness of those who were living as Gentiles without Christ (vs. 12). How might rehearsing our past condition remind us of the joy within our current hope? 3. How does the work of Jesus create the conditions needed for true and lasting peace? How does this peace work between people and God, and how does it work between different people groups? Where does hostility or threats to this peace still exist within the broader church? 4. Discuss the reach of the Church globally, historically, and spiritually. In what ways can we witness the Church transcending geographic boundaries, and boundaries of time. How do the voices of saints from the past still motivate, inspire, and encourage us today? What supernatural and spiritual dynamics are at work in all these realities? 5. When the Church is shining bright, God is glorified in his Spirit's dwelling place. In light of these verses (11-22), what would be characteristics of a congregation that is effectively functioning as salt and light? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches? 4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u></p> <p>Eph. 2:10-3:16 Jer. 46:26; 48:47; 49:6; 49:39</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>