



Sermon Discussion Guide

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Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- When have you felt inclusion either when you have been in a different culture or when a different culture entered your space?
- What emotions came up and where do you feel it in your body?

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
 - *Ephesians 2:11 - 22*
- If you could ask Paul one question about this section what would it be?
- Read Genesis 2:22-24. How does this reflect the work that we see Jesus doing as described here in Ephesians?
- Why do you think that Paul uses the three metaphors of Kingdom People, Family, and Temple in verses 19-22?
 - Which of these most speaks to you?
- What do you think it was like for the Ephesian church to hear this knowing what happened in Acts 21?

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc. (If possible print out maps of the world, USA, or of the local area and have writing and drawing materials at hand)*
- After closing your eyes and taking a deep breath ask God to bring to your heart somewhere on the map where you feel deeply a dividing wall of hostility. Pay attention to what happens in your body. Then as a group share what surfaced.
- Where do you see the heart of God in what someone else shared?



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- How can we join in building together with Christ, that peaceful unity here at Hillcrest?

Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- Taking the maps, begin to draw your prayers over the area that you chose. Draw what you imagine it would look like for the dividing walls to fall.
- Share in the larger group the dream of those falling dividing walls.
- As a group, what is one small step we can take to join Christ in putting to death the hostility in our group or in our community?

Time of Prayer