Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: We Believe
Sermon: God Gathers
Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the
saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles
and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole
structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also
are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Reflection Questions:

- What does Paul mean when he says believers are "no longer strangers and aliens" but "members of the household of God" (vv. 19-20)? How should that shape our relationships with other Christians?

- Why is it significant that the church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ as the cornerstone (v. 20)? What foundations do people often try to build their lives on instead?

- How does the image of believers being "joined together" challenge the idea that the Christian life can be lived in isolation (v. 21)?

- What does it mean that the church is growing into "a holy temple in the Lord" and "a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (vv. 21-22)? What does this reveal about God's purpose for His people?

- Where is God calling you to pursue greater unity, commitment, or reconciliation within His church?

Guided Prayer:
Praise God for His work in gathering a people for Himself, including you. Ask Him to help you to live faithfuly in connection with other believers through the church. Ask God to show you how you might live more fully into what is described in Ephesians 2. Repent of any ways you have failed to live this truth. Ask God to forgive you. Praise Him for His grace. Ask Him to help make you aware of His presence with you, particularly as you gather with other believers. In Jesus' name, Amen.