



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

**5.03.26 Message | Tyler Myers | Ephesians 2:11-22**

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

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### **LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)**

#### **→ Share Life**

- What's something simple you're thankful for right now?
- What's been taking most of your attention lately?
- Is there anyone in your community who needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

#### **→ Follow Up From Last Time**

- As you think back to last week, what stood out or stayed with you?
- Was there anything you felt invited to try, practice, or pay attention to this week? How did that go?
- Did that show up in any conversations, choices, or moments this week?
- Where did you see God at work - even in small ways?

### **LOOK UP - Scripture & Discovery (~60%)**

#### **→ Read (twice, in different translations)**

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

#### **→ Retell**

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

## Key Scripture (ESV)

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- *Ephesians 2:11-22*

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## MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- The gospel not only restores our relationship with God but also brings people who were once divided together.
  - In Jesus, barriers that once separated people are broken down and replaced with peace.
  - Unity in the Church is not based on sameness, but on a shared identity in Christ.
  - It is natural to gravitate toward people who are like us, but Jesus calls His people into something deeper.
  - The Church is meant to be a place where differences are not erased but brought together under one purpose.
  - God is building something larger than individual lives—He is forming a people who belong together.
  - Living in unity requires intentional effort, humility, and a willingness to move toward others.
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## CONVERSATION STARTER

What usually makes it easier for you to connect with someone? What can make it more difficult?

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## **DISCUSS THE MESSAGE** (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

## **THINK DEEPER** (Does your group understand the passage?)

- In **Ephesians 2:11–12**, Paul reminds people of what life was like before Christ—separated and without hope. What stands out to you about how he describes that condition?
  - In **verse 13**, Paul says those who were once far off have been brought near. What do you notice about how that change happens?
  - In **verses 14–16**, Paul talks about Jesus breaking down the dividing wall and making people one. What stands out to you about how Jesus brings people together?
  - This passage shows that unity is something Jesus creates, not something we manufacture. Why do you think it can still be difficult to experience that kind of unity in real life?
  - In **verses 19–22**, Paul describes believers as one household being built together. What do you notice about that picture of people belonging together?
  - It is often easier to stay around people who are similar to us. What makes it challenging to build relationships across differences?
  - In a culture where people often distance or disconnect when relationships are hard, what might it look like to move toward unity instead?
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## **BRIDGE QUESTION**

Based on this passage, what kinds of responses does it invite? What direction does it point our lives toward?

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## **LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)**

### → **Inside Me**

- Where do I need to bring my sin into the light instead of hiding it?
- What is one concrete step of obedience I can take this week to pursue Jesus in that area?

### → **Who Else?**

- Who might need encouragement that grace is real and change is possible?
- How can I move toward them with love and truth this week?

### → **Pray Together**

- Pray for clarity to see Jesus more clearly and follow Him faithfully.
- Pray for strength to resist anything that competes for our allegiance and next steps.
- Pray for courage and grace to take the next faithful step that God is inviting us into.