

Ephesians 2:11-22

1. Who is the craziest/weirdest person in your family? Why?
2. Do you have a good relationship with everyone in your family? Is it awkward if you don't during family gatherings?

Read v.11-13

1. How does pride affect our relationship with God? How does it affect our hearts? How does it affect people around us?
2. How does Paul contrast what the Gentiles were like before they knew Christ with after?
3. What covenant is Paul talking about in v. 12? Why is it significant that Paul mentions the covenant God promises to His people?

Read v. 14-18

1. What are some "walls of hostility" that can affect our lives? How do they make you feel?
2. Have you ever put a "wall of hostility" to separate yourself from someone? Why? What happened?
3. Why is the cross of Christ a true equalizer and makes unity possible in the church?

Read v. 19-22

1. What do you think is possible when we are reconciled among the body of Christ?
2. What act of reconciliation do you sense God leading you to pursue as a result of this week's study?

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

3. Christ reconciles everyone to God so that we are in unity with Him. We then get a new covenant that is the grace from God. How can reconciliation within the body of Christ help those who don't know Christ be reconciled to Him?

What I will be talking about

Paul gives us a picture of what we were like before we knew Christ in a real way and what it means to live in unity with Christ. If we truly call ourselves followers of Christ then we seek to please God and give Him the glory. As shown here our relationships are a big part of that. When we are at strife with someone who has the same faith as us, we are stealing glory from God and saying we are in control God, not you. You sent Christ to unify us? "So what. I'm smarter than you, I can't deal with this person and you don't have the power to fix it." Is there someone you need to reconcile with? Someone who you just can't get along with? Is Christ not bigger than your petty little argument? Can you not trust Christ, the person who came to reconcile all people to Him, to help mend a relationship that is hurting your unity with Christ? But Rahul, you don't understand what this person did to me. Are you alive? Even Christ asked forgiveness for the people murdering them! How can you be so prideful that a relationship can create a rift between you and the church or you and a person or you and God?