



Life Group Work Sheet
Ephesians 2:11-22
Jesus Gave Me a Family

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Getting to Know Each Other

1. How would you describe the perfect family?

Part 2 - Application

2. **Read Ephesians 2:11-12.** Have you ever felt like an outsider? How did it make you feel? How do those experiences help us in understanding our position as Gentiles before Christ?
3. **Read Ephesians 2:13-18.** Have you ever experienced division in the church? In what ways? How does our reconciliation to God help during times of church division? Consider the following situations:
 - a. Your friend is offended by the church's name change, while you were in favor of the change (or vice versa!). How do these verses speak into that situation?
 - b. A friend of yours was offended by something that the pastor said in a sermon. How do these verses speak into that situation?

4. **Read Ephesians 2:19-22.** Many of us come from good family backgrounds, while others had a poor experience growing up. How does the news that we are a part of God's family excite you?
5. What does this passage say about our identity, about who we are in Christ?

RECONCILED

Part 3 - Digging Deeper

This past week's sermon talked about reconciliation that is possible between fellow Christians because of the reconciliation that has already taken place between each of us and God. This week, set aside some time to reflect and journal upon the following passage and questions:

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (ESV)

- Who do I need to be reconciled with?
- What does it mean to be a new creation? How does this help the reconciliation process?
- What does it mean to be an "ambassador for Christ"?
- How is God calling me to be his ambassador and help those around me to be reconciled to God?