

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DIVERSITY THROUGH THE CROSS

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EPHESIANS 2:11-22

1. Two _____

2. One _____

3. Zero _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Think about a group you were an outsider to: a new school, a new job, a new neighborhood, a new friend group. What was it like when you finally felt like you belonged? What made the difference?
2. Humans naturally divide into “in-groups” and “out-groups”. People we see as “like me” vs. people we see as “other.” Where do you see this dynamic show up most in your own life or community?
3. Have someone read Ephesians 2:11-22. Which of these phrases is most meaningful to you and why? A) One new humanity out of the two, B) but now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near, C) destroyed the dividing wall of hostility, or D) another?
4. The “dividing wall” between Jews and Gentiles was originally well-intentioned. The Jews were genuinely trying to protect something sacred. Can you think of ways good intentions can still create barriers between people?
5. The sermon said that reconciliation with God has to come first, and that reconciliation with each other flows from that (Eph 2:16). Have you seen attempts at unity that left God out of the equation? How did they go?
6. The sermon contrasted “unity” with “uniformity,” that you can be fully yourself and still be deeply united with people who are very different from you. Does that feel realistic to you? What makes it hard?
7. The sermon closed with this line: “The world says celebrate your differences and find common ground. The cross says that human diversity finds its unity not in common ground we discover, but in common grace we receive.” What’s the difference between those two foundations, and why does it matter which one you build on?
8. The sermon offered five practical ways to build together across differences: listen, enjoy culture while not using your own as an excuse, remember that unity isn’t uniformity, pay the price, and fight the algorithm. Pick the one that feels most personally challenging right now. What would one concrete step in that direction look like for you this week?

Prayer Prompt: Each person pick another in the group and prays 3x for them this week about whatever they chose in question 8.