

REMOVING THE DIVIDING WALL

Ephesians 2:11-18

When I consider my value among other believers...

- Do I remember how removed from God I once was?

- Do I remember who brought me near to God?

- Do I only see our differences and failures or do I see Christ?



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Discuss some sociological barriers in society that can be brought into the church that might cause pride, offense and ultimately hostility.

2. How would it benefit the church if we worked hard and desegregating social and physical barriers? (Rich / Poor; Young / Old; Law / Grace; etc.) (Acts 2:42 – 47).

3. Using the scripture from Sunday message...talk about how far you, and all men, were from God before Christ. And then discuss what Christ did to bring you near to God.

4. Read Romans 2:24 and 28 – 29. Apply this to the life of a Christian instead of a Jew.

5. Do you believe being a law keeper vs being a law breaker is irrelevant to salvation? To being in Christ? What is relevant?

6. What practical things can you start doing this week in order to apply verses 14 – 17? What is God asking you to do personally to make one new man in place of two?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle