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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
Ephesians: The Church's Identity and Mission
March 30, 2014

Read: Ephesians 2.11-22

1. What is the theme of Ephesians? It is important for us to keep this in front of us as we are studying this letter. So, think about the theme and the main point of the text in Ephesians 2.11-22. Why is it important for us to know what Paul says today in relation to the overall theme of the letter?
2. What does Paul want his Gentile readers to remember? Why might this be?
3. What was the relationship between Jew and Gentile like?
4. What is the effect of the blood of Christ (2.13)? According to Paul's words to the Ephesians, what was the purpose of the death of Jesus?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5.16-21. How does this apply to what Paul says in Ephesians 2?
6. What did Jesus abolish? Why might this be of particular significance to the Gentiles who received this letter?
7. Summarize Paul's description of the church (2.19-22). What does it mean to be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets (2.20; 3.5)? What does it mean that Christ is the *cornerstone* (2.20)?
8. So, as we think about application of this text, how might be put into action what is taught? Do we have any prejudices or hints of favoritism? Do we need to seek reconciliation with another believer or person?

Pray.