

# I AM CONNECTED!

Ephesians 2:11-22

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## YOU WERE...

Ephesians 2:11-12

*"...separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world."*

Being alone was the first thing God called "Not Good." (Genesis 2:18)

## BUT NOW...

Ephesians 2:13-18

*"...in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*

## CONSEQUENTLY (AS A RESULT)...

Ephesians 2:19-22

*"... you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."*

In Christ foreigners and strangers become family!

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* Matthew 18:20

Life Group Questions:

SHARE: Have you ever felt excluded? Explain.

READ: Ephesians 2:11-12. What picture are these verses painting about life apart from God?

READ: Ephesians 2:13. According to these verses, what brings us near to God? How does this work?

SHARE: What causes you to feel far from God? What helps you feel near to Him?

READ: Ephesians 2:14. What do you think it means that, "He, Himself is our peace?" What do you think the "dividing wall of hostility" means?

SHARE: What kind of things do Christians divide over?

READ: Ephesians 2:15-16. What was God's purpose in these verses? How should the cross overcome our hostility with others?

READ: Ephesians 2:17-18. Who were those who were far and who were those who were near? What point is verse 18 trying to drive home?

READ: Ephesians 2:19. What are the benefits of being citizens of God's Kingdom and members of His household?

READ: Ephesians 2:20. What does it mean that our foundation is on the apostles and prophets? What does it mean that Christ is the Chief Cornerstone?

READ: Ephesians 2:21-22 and Matthew 18:20. What do these verses tell us about the importance of God's people being connected? What can we do to be better connected with God and His people?

PRAY: