
Ephesians 2:11-22

Peace comes from perspective.

Peace comes from the person of Jesus.

Peace comes from the present.

Peace becomes the power.

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. If you're not in a Life Group, consider taking that Next Step and joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

What is the biggest thief of peace in your life today? What are some ways peace has been restored? What does it take?

Who is the most peaceful person you know? What have you learned from those who bring peace into your life?

Connect to God's story

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

How does Paul describe Ephesian life prior to Christ? What is the significance of moving from "you" to "us"? Why is it important to include himself here?

Take a moment and list all of the things God did in this passage. What is it that we do?

Read Ephesians 2:11-18.

In Scripture, a Gentile is anyone who is not Jewish and Jesus brings all people together as one new people under him with nothing in the way. From what we've read so far, why the separating hostility? What does unity and peace look like?

Jesus can unify people from all sorts of backgrounds, creeds, social status, ethnicity, gender, etc., into one people. What can this kind of unity bring to our broken and divided world?

Read Ephesians 19-22.

When you believe in Jesus' saving grace (v. 8) you are no longer strangers and foreigners but citizens of God's kingdom and members of his family... which means you have a LOT of brothers and sisters. How does that effect how you understand the Church Jesus is building?

What would it look like for Real Life to live out the vision Paul shows of the church in this passage?

People from all different cultures comprise the family of God. What are some of the implications? What difficulties might we face in a multi-ethnic family of Jesus? Why would it take Jesus to overcome them?

Take some time to pray for this good news of the peace that Jesus can bring us to overflow into our church, our community and the world.

Real Life Prayer for 2022

Lord Jesus,

I affirm that I am fully known by You; my thoughts, fears, hopes, and dreams. You know my past, present, and future. I am fully known and loved by You.

I desire to know You more - Your heart, Your will, Your purposes.

I commit to making You known in my areas of influence through my words, actions, attitude, and joy. I commit to love as You love.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to use me daily for Your purposes.

I pray this with a heart of gratitude,

Amen.

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