Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember

Background

What is one of the earliest childhood experiences you remember?

Digging In

1. **Eph 2:11-12**. How does Paul describe the condition of his Gentile readers **before** they became Christians?

2. The first point Paul makes is that they were *separate from Christ*. How does this contrast with all that Paul has written in the first two chapters about what God has done for us *in Christ*?

3. Why were they without hope?

4. What do you think it would be like to be without hope and without God in the world?

5. **Read vv. 13-18**. How is v. 13 like v. 4?

6. How did Jesus reconcile Jews and Gentiles to one another, and to God?

7. **Read vv. 19-22**. How does Paul describe the condition of the Gentiles in these verses? Note the contrast with their condition in vv. 11-12.

8. What is the significance of Jesus being the cornerstone?

9. What are the implications of the church being a *holy temple in the Lord*?

Getting Personal

- What is your before and after story? Use the back and write a brief summary of what your life was like before becoming a Christian. Then write a summary of what God has done for you in Christ. For this second section, be sure to include what you've learned from Ephesians 2:11-22.

- How is what Christ has done for us a cause for gratitude toward God?

- How do these transforming truths provide an incentive to love other believers?