

EPHESIANS // CH. 2:11-22

# WATCH PARTY GUIDE



## SERMON DISCUSSION

### Questions

*Like the Gentiles, we were once “foreigners” to the gospel, but through Christ we have become members of God’s household. Describe a time when you became part of something — whether you became a parent, teacher, gym member, etc. How does your perspective change when you become part of something?*

- Think of a time when you felt welcomed and included in the body of Christ. What made you feel that way? What are some practical ways we can continue promoting a culture of genuine family at Grace?
- Reread verses 14-16. Why was hostility present in the early church? How is hostility present in the church today?
- Paul writes that Christ Himself is our peace (Ephesians 2:14). How does Christ unite believers? Would anyone like to share about a time when you made peace with someone through Christ, whether a spouse, friend, family or church member?

Paul closes chapter two by describing the beautiful manner in which God dwells within us through His Spirit. Lately, have you experienced the indwelling presence of God? If so, how? If not, why?

## Ask your Student:

- 1 Jesus is described as peace who is making peace. In what ways do you need his peace right now?
- 2 Hostility between people is destroyed only through the cross. How have you seen Jesus bring reconciliation in your own life or someone else’s life?
- 3 Consider these identities: foreigners/strangers vs. citizens/members of God’s household. How can knowing your identify in Christ change the way you live your life?

## Dig Deeper

**You belong.** The call to Christ is a call to community, acceptance, and belonging. Everyone is welcomed into the family of God the same way — through the spilled blood of Jesus. We cannot earn membership by our success, nor forfeit it by our failure. Instead we rely wholly on Jesus because “He Himself is our peace” (Ephesians 2:14).

Dig deeper by reading Galatians 6. Pause and pray through verses that strike you, and consider memorizing verse 14: “But as for me, I will never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through the cross, and I to the world.”



*Loving God, I hold in Your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing hurt and division — including places of hurt and division in my own life. May we know the deep peace of Christ.”*

PRAYERS FROM THE IONA ABBEY WORSHIP BOOK

## Family Activity

Make a powdered drink like Crystal Lite or bake something with your child. Afterwards, point out how all the ingredients are mixed together and nothing you do will separate the ingredients again. This is God's love for us. There is nothing that we can do to be separated from God's love. We are a part of his forever family.

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and tips.

### PRESCHOOL CUE



## Table Talk

**Talk to your child about how much you love him/her. Ask your child if there is anything that they could do that would make you stop loving him/her. Explain that this is the Father's love for us. He will never stop loving us and we will always be a part of His family.**

### ELEMENTARY QUESTIONS



*When are some times that you felt like an insider? When have you felt like an outsider?*



*How does it make you feel to know that when you are a follower of Jesus; you are a part of the Kingdom of God and are a part of His forever family?*



*What has Jesus done so that you can be a part of God's Kingdom? Is there anything else you have to do?*