

Psalm 126; Ephesians 2:14-18; Mark 10:46-52

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### Notes

#### BIG IDEA FOR TODAY

*Jesus breaks down dividing walls to create a unified people in Himself.*

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*Ephesians for You* by Richard Coekin

*Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians: Reformation Heritage Bible Commentary* by Jerald Joersz

*Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary: Exalting Jesus in Ephesians* by Tony Merida

*The Story of God Bible Commentary: Ephesians* by Mark Roberts

**Memory Verse:** *"For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit."* - Ephesians 2:18

**Next Week's Verses:** Psalm 46; Ephesians 2:19-22; John 8:31-36

## Digging Deeper



For More Information

### Talk Topics

Have you seen or experienced gospel-centered reconciliation between people?

What "dividing walls of hostility" does Christ want to break down in your life? In your church? In your family? In your circle of friends? In your city?

Is there another person who has hurt you deeply? How does embracing what Jesus did on the cross empower you to forgive them? How could you seek to pursue reconciliation with them?

What is one thing that God is calling us to believe or do as a result of hearing today's message?

### Joining Jesus on His Mission

Discuss these with your family or missional community this week.

- *SEEKING THE KINGDOM:* How did you see God at work in your life this week?
- *HEARING FROM JESUS:* What has God been teaching you in His Word?
- *TALKING WITH PEOPLE:* What kind of conversations are you having with your pre-Christian friends?
- *DOING GOOD:* What good can you do around here?
- *MINISTERING THROUGH PRAYER:* How can we help you in prayer?

### Further Study and Discussion throughout the week

Use the following passages and questions to explore additional Biblical insights about your heart.

#### Monday—Exodus 19:5-6

As God's treasured possession, why was Israel to be a kingdom of priests in relation to the rest of the world?

#### Tuesday—Leviticus 20:22-26

Why did God set Israel apart from the other nations to be His own? How does this relate to the mission of God?

#### Wednesday—Acts 21:26-32

The Apostle Paul was falsely accused of bringing Gentiles into the Temple. Have you ever been wrongly accused of breaking the rules for the sake of the Gospel?

#### Thursday—Colossians 2:16-17

With the law fulfilled in Christ, what freedom do we receive and exercise as believers in Christ?

#### Friday—2 Corinthians 5:17-21

As new creations in Jesus Christ, what ministry have we received as part of our new life on mission with God?

#### Saturday—Ephesians 2:19-22

Read this coming weekend's preaching text. What words and/or phrases stick out to you?