

Psalm 46; Ephesians 2:19-22; John 8:31-36

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Notes

Memory Verse: *“Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.”* - Ephesians 2:20

Next Week's Verses: Psalm 149; Ephesians 3:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12

Talk Topics

Paul uses a lot of temple language in this passage. Temples were thought of as the places where heaven and earth meet. In the middle of ancient pagan temples, like those in Ephesus, there would have been an “image” depicting their God. How does the biblical story show us a different understanding of God and His world?

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?

Digging Deeper

Joining Jesus on His Mission

Discuss these with your family or missional community this week.

- How did you see God at work in your life this week?
- What has God been teaching you in His Word?
- What kind of conversations are you having with your pre-Christian friends?
- What good can you do around here?
- 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—Ephesians 2:17
 What comes to mind when you hear the word, “peace?” How do you think Paul is using it in this verse? Visit <https://jewsforjesus.org/publications/inherit/what-is-shalom-the-true-meaning> to learn more.

Tuesday—Ephesians 2:18
 Why does Paul make sure to mention that Jews and Gentiles have access to God through the same Spirit?

Wednesday—Ephesians 2:19
 Has anyone ever made you feel like an outsider or foreigner? Have you ever treated someone differently because, well, they were different? Does the church do this?

Thursday—Ephesians 2:20
 What does it mean to be “built on the foundation” of the apostles and prophets? Paul describes Jesus as the chief cornerstone. Does your life reflect that?

Friday—Ephesians 2:21-22
 Where does God's Spirit dwell? Why would this idea be exciting and overwhelming to the church?

Saturday—Spend the day praying for a deeper understanding of how the church is called to the community where heaven and earth intersect. How are we being invited by the Spirit to be reformed again?

