

Ephesians 2:11-18

For the week of November 5, 2023

Reading the Text:

- 1. What was the big idea of Ephesians 2:8-10 from two weeks ago?
- 2. Paul seems to have gone to great lengths in Ephesians for his readers to understand and remember their transformation since coming to faith in Christ. In this text, how does he describe life before Jesus? What are his readers to "remember" (vv. 11-12)? In your own words, how "well off" were the Gentiles before Jesus, spiritually?
- 3. While 2:4 contains the biggest "but" in the Bible, 2:13 must be a close second. What does Paul communicate with the shift in focus in v. 13? What does Paul want the reader to see about their life now?
- 4. How many times do you see the word "peace" in the second half of the passage (vv. 14-18)? What does Paul say about "peace" in these verses? What did we have before (vv. 11-12), and what can we have now (vv. 13/14-18)?
- 5. How would you restate the big idea of the Ephesians 2:11-18 in your own words?

Living It Out:

- 1. What does nearness to God feel like? When do you feel most near to Him?
- 2. When you think of your "status" in Jesus, what words come to mind? How does knowing that status make you feel about your connection to God?
- 3. What does life look like when we more fully embrace the access we have to God? How can we as a Life Group encourage you to walk more confidently in this profound relationship?

