

# Sermon Guide

## Ephesians 2:11-22



- ▶ What “dividing wall” in our world would you most like to see come down?
- ▶ In what ways is the church divided today? Do you think there is unity at The Bridge Church? Why or why not?

### Read Ephesians 2:11-22

1. Before Jesus came, what problems did the Gentiles face (vv. 11-12)?
2. What was the importance of the Jewish custom of circumcision, according to the Law? (Gen 17:1-14)
3. How do you think the practicing Jews felt when the Gentiles started coming to their church, but didn’t want to adopt the Jewish custom of circumcision?
4. What is the “dividing wall” referenced in v. 14?
5. What is the importance of the cornerstone (vv. 21-22)?
6. How has Christ destroyed hostility and made peace possible for all people?

GROW



- ▶ How would a person of a different background be accepted at The Bridge? What can you do to be more welcoming and inclusive of others who are different from you?
- ▶ What walls of hostility are still standing strong in your life today? How can the peace of Christ allow you to start breaking down those walls?

GLORIFY

Take a moment to read and reflect on the following prayer: “O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to seriously lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen” (The Book of Common Prayer).