

WEEK 5: Why Do I Need a Church?

Memory Verses: Ephesians 2:19-22 (CSB)

“So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

SINGLES

1. According to Ephesians 2:19-22, what is the foundation of our identity as Christians?
2. How can being part of a church community enhance the sense of belonging mentioned in Ephesians 2:19-22 for singles who might not have a traditional family structure?
3. In what ways do you feel you can actively contribute (as a single person) to the church as a family, considering the diverse talents and skills you bring to the community?

SINGLE PARENT

1. In what ways does the concept of being “fellow citizens” impact your understanding of the Christian community?
2. When you think of your household, what do the images of God’s household being described here bring to mind for you?
3. What biblical principles here can guide you in prioritizing your relationship with Christ while balancing the responsibilities of parenting?

TEENS

1. Why do you think you need to go to church every week?
2. At school, sometimes kids feel like outsiders. How can this verse help you think about what the Bible says about outsiders?
3. The verse says that we are members of God’s house. What does being a member of God’s house mean to you?

YOUNG ADULT

1. As you move through this season of life, how can the church continue to be a central part of your life, as emphasized in Ephesians 2:19-22?
2. What role do apostles and prophets play in the building mentioned in Ephesians 2:20?
3. How do you handle it when you don’t necessarily feel seen in God’s household (the local church)?

MARRIED COUPLES

1. How does the concept of being “built together” in Ephesians 2:19-22 apply to the idea of you being a part of God’s household as a married couple?
2. As you build your own household, what kind of principles can you glean from this passage?
3. Christ is the foundation of his Church and of marriage. What kind of parallels do you find in those two ideas?

FAMILY

1. How does the image of a building in verses 20-22 contribute to your understanding of the Church?
2. When you think about a house, what images come to mind? How do those images remind you of the picture painted here for God’s house?
3. How can your family actively contribute to the life of our church community?

WIDOWED

1. How does Ephesians 2:19 describe the identity of believers?
2. How does the concept of Christ being the cornerstone relate to the overall structure of the church?
3. How can you discover new roles and contributions to the body of Christ, as described in Ephesians 2:19-22?

GEM PARENTS

1. How does Ephesians 2:19 describe the identity of believers?
2. What implications does verse 21 have for how we view diversity within the body of Christ, especially when it comes to GEM kids?
3. In what ways can GEM parents find strength and encouragement within the church community, drawing from the concept of being “built together” in Ephesians 2:19-22?

NEWLYWEDS

1. How does Ephesians 2:19 describe the identity of believers?
2. As you look to build a home together, how does this passage impact that through the picture of this “spiritual house”?
3. What does this idea of us no longer being “foreigners or aliens” bring to mind for you as a couple?

EMPTY NESTERS

1. How does Ephesians 2:19 describe the identity of believers?
2. In what ways does the unity of believers serve as a witness to the world, as suggested in these verses?
3. In what ways can you use your newfound freedom to contribute to the church and its mission, drawing inspiration from being “built together” in Ephesians 2:19-22?

DIVORCED

1. How does Ephesians 2:19 describe the identity of believers?
2. How do you think the church should offer healing and hope for individuals who have experienced divorce, aligning with the principles of Ephesians 2:19-22?
3. How does the concept of God dwelling among his people impact our sense of security and belonging?

GOLDEN SAINTS

1. How does Ephesians 2:19 describe the identity of believers?
2. How does the notion of a “spiritual house” in verse 22 align with the teachings of the New Testament?
3. How can the church provide a sense of purpose and community for you, considering your unique needs and contributions as part of God’s household from Ephesians 2:19-22?