

“EPHESIANS #4: TEAR DOWN WALLS” // *EPH. 2:11-22*

ORGANIC CONVERSATION (WHAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP GATHERING?)

*Were you challenged or encouraged in any way? How?
Have you seen anything play out in your life recently?*

FROM HEAD → HEART → HANDS (MAKING IT REAL)

Walls keep us and other from experiencing the fullness of God and his Kingdom. Sometimes we’re aware of the barriers in our life (sin, bitterness, cold-heartedness), but others are a little more hidden. Take some time as a group to share some of the barriers you have faced/are facing in your life.

As you heard the sermon on Sunday (or as we’re talking now), did God bring to mind any areas of your life where you’re encountering “walls of hostility” - places or relationships where God isn’t given freedom to work?

Can you share a time with the group where God helped you work through and tear down barriers that were keeping you and/or others from living life as God designed it (forgiven, welcomed into the family, full rights as sons and daughters of God)?

THE THREADS OF SCRIPTURE (ADDITIONAL BIBLE PASSAGES FOR STUDY/DISCUSSION)

Scripture: Read Galatians 2:11-21 (*always feel free to share with each other in response to the scripture before going on to the guide*)

In this passage, we catch a humbling (even embarrassing) story where Paul has to rebuke Peter for his hypocrisy/prejudice against the Gentiles. Paul’s understanding of “the mystery” of how God tore down the “walls of hostility” and opened the doors to ALL people, caused him to call Peter to God’s standard of love for others.

Because we’re human, we often lose faith and hope for others and, by giving up on those people/situations, we inadvertently build up dividing walls. Part of our role in the family of God is to correct/rebuke each other with gentleness and love when something is off. *Why is this so hard to do sometimes? Can anyone share of a time in your life where this was done well? not so well?*

STEP-BY-STEP (WHAT NOW?)

While conversation is good, we want to see our lives changed by God!
What is God calling you to do in response to His Word?

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