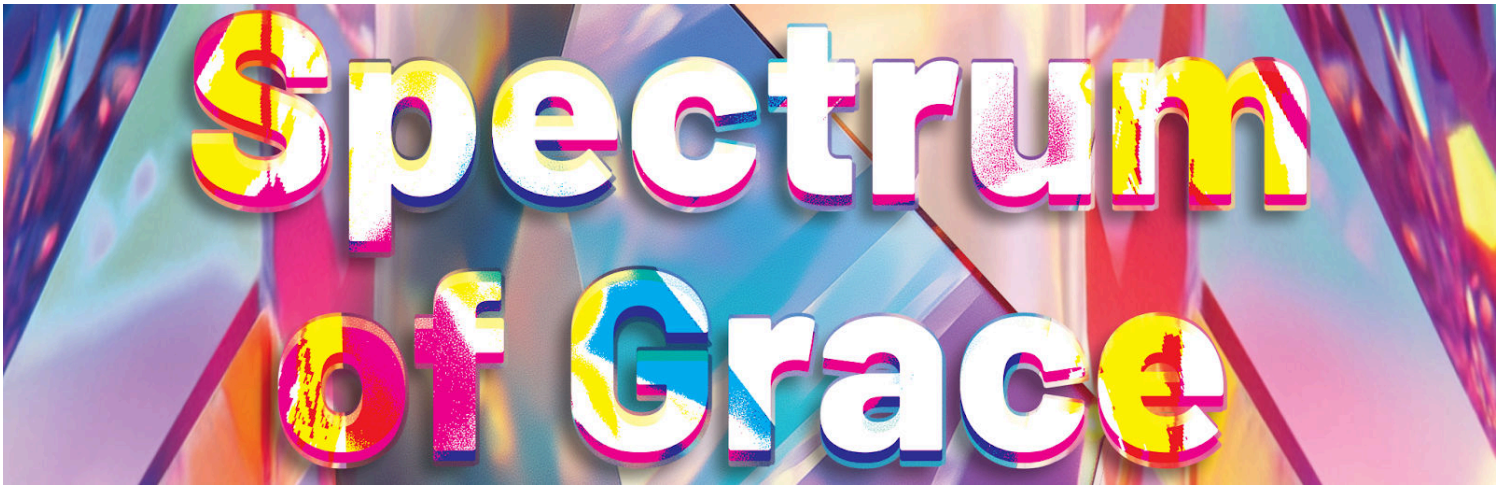


Week of September 28, 2025 - Tell Me What You See Small Group Lesson 6

Connect

Describe a time when a simple act of hospitality (like a shared meal or a warm welcome) made a big impact on you. What happened as a result?

Verses - Ephesians 2:11-22 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. 19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. What words describe the Gentiles' past (vv.11-12)? Why is it important for believers to "remember" these former negative realities? How do they deepen our appreciation for being "brought near by the blood of Christ"?

2. According to vv.14-16, Jesus not only made peace but is our peace. How? What was the "middle wall of separation" He broke down leading to the "one new man"?

3. In vv.19-22, Paul shifts from separation from God's people to being his people. What does this teach us about our identity and purpose as a church? How is Christ the "chief cornerstone"?

4. The people at Babel wanted to "make a name for themselves" (Genesis 11:4), which led to their division and demise. Today the church is built to glorify God's name. How does remaining focused on that protect the church from disunity? What things or activities actually promote unity?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Jesse talked about God's house being alive requires us to "show up", reflecting how Christ "showed up" for us. What does "showing up" at church and outside church look like in a practical way this week? What should follow?

Discuss 2:
Jesus' ministry was filled with shared meals that included evangelism, ministry, inclusion, and hospitality. How can we use those to break down walls between us and also invite others to "see" what God is doing among us?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.