## **Sermon Notes**

### From Alienation to Reconciliation

Ephesians 2:11-17 (pew Bible pgs. 976-977)

Remember the Reality of Cultural Alienation (2:11)

The reality of differences

The reality of rejection

Remember the Reality of Spiritual Alienation (2:12)

Separated

Alienated

Strangers

Hopeless

Godless

Recognize the Reality of Your New Identity (2:13)

In Christ

Brought near

Blood bought

Rejoice in the Reality of Reconciliation

Peace between people through Christ (2:14-15)

Dividing walls demolished

New Humanity created

Peace with God through Christ (2: 16-17)

Enmity & hostility killed

Peace proclaimed

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## Weekly Discipleship Guide

### Know

What does God intend for me to know? In your journal, use the following prompts to write some truths that stood out from this week's message.

I never knew...

I was reminded...

A question I still have...

I was challenged...

I was convicted...

A truth I could share...

I was encouraged to...

I need to dig deeper into...

# Be (Consider)

What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider? In your journal, use the following questions to write some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.

Is there a command to obey?

How am I compelled to exalt God?

Is there a promise to claim? Is there a principle to follow?

Is there an example to follow?

Am I convicted to confess any sin?

Is there a sin to avoid?

How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?

How can I pray for someone else?

What am I compelled to love or desire?

# Do (Yield)

How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.

How does this picture of alienation help us in (1) gaining a greater view of the gospel, and in (2) understanding and responding to those who are outside of Christ?

How did this week's message and a focus on this passage help you to better understand your relationship with God in light of this new identity in Christ? What should this compel us to do?

How does our reconciliation with God (from enemy to friend) change our relationship to the world? What are the most difficult aspects of this change for you?

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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