10-11: Sermon Listening Guide



A New Family

Ephesians 2:11–22 (NIV): 11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create

in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Holy Spirit



MAIN TRUTHS:

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We are living in polarized times. Will the church reflect anything different?	

1. We separate and divide by what we

2.	The heart of the gospel is
	re we can be a reconciling force in vorld, we must first be reconciled.
3.	Jesus creates a new
	altogether.
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APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1.	What was the best invitation you have ever received?
2.	Why is following Jesus the best invitation of all?
3.	How does the gospel call us to reconciliation?

4. What's so amazing about Jesus' new family, His Church? Why?

