

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 2:11-22 - "The Gospel Breaking Down Barriers" - 02.04.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you read Ephesians 2:11-22,
What stands out to you about these verses and how do they relate specifically to what Paul has written in Ephesians 2:1-10?
3. In verses 11-12 Paul gives a command to remember.
 - What are we called to remember and how does that impact our relationship with Christ and one another?
 - What is a way that you have found to remember your continual need for a Savior?
 - What barriers are still getting in the way of your relationship with God?
4. In this passage, we see the theme of peace come out, Jesus "is our peace", he is "creating or making peace, and Jesus is preaching or proclaiming peace. The Jews & Gentiles were very divided and yet we see through the power of the gospel they came together.
 - How are the divisions and barriers in our world today similar and how are they different from Paul's day?
 - How does Christ break down those barriers and make peace in us, our families, and our church (share examples)?
5. What does it mean to be a fellow citizen and member of the household of God?
 - How are we built on the foundation of Christ as our cornerstone and the foundation of the apostles and prophets?
 - In what ways are we growing and being "joined together" as the Body of Christ?
6. Below are the main points from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

In Christ, Barriers are Broken Down & Unity is Found

The Barriers of Separation from Christ & Others

We Remember who we were before Christ Redeemed us from a life of sin & death.

Christ Breaks Down Barriers of Distance, Hostility, and the Law

We are now at peace with God, through the cross, and at peace with one another

Christ is Now Building Unity by the Spirit

We are being built together as a church for God's glory!