



Group Discussion Guide
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BUILD STRONG FAMILY TOGETHER

When we let Jesus build us together into his spiritual family, powerful things start happening, because God shows up and is present in our lives. He brings us all together despite our differences and that's when we become the church.

Start by reading Ephesians 3:10-12 and pay special attention to what Paul says is the purpose of the church, and the way that God has done this.

- What does Paul say the church is supposed to do in this passage?
- How has Jesus changed how we interact with God the Father? Do you see this as a major change or a minor one?

Our society has not been the best stewards of technology and social media. We have used it in a way that divides us and highlights our differences instead of how we can support each other and work together.

- How do you think the church can be an example for our community in this regard? How can we step into injustice, heated debates, or complicated political issues not to pick sides, but to be a voice of compassion and peace?
- Can anyone in the group share a story from their past or maybe even recently where they've seen the church do this?
- What are some of the barriers and roadblocks that make unity so difficult? Why is it hard for Christians to move beyond the issues of the day and focus on being the church in a hurting world?

Read Ephesians 2:14-18 as a group. Look at the action words. What is Jesus doing in these verses? What are we doing?

- Matt in his message said that Jesus created the church when he brought all of us together under the cross. Paul used the phrase, "...to create in himself one new humanity..." What is the new spiritual reality for this one new humanity?

- Peek back at verse 10 of chapter 2. What have we all been created and brought together for?
- One of the big examples from Sunday for being TOGETHER was the offensive line on a football team. It breaks the huddle and works as a unit to make progress towards the goal. What things do you do as part of the church that you see as the huddle? What do you do that is breaking the huddle and is pushing towards the goals God has given us?
- How can your group support each other in the huddle? Are you huddling with the hurting? How are you sharpening each other for the spiritual adventures ahead?

Going Forward:

When does your huddle (Small group) break and push into the community? Think about the last time you served your neighborhood our shared God's love with others. As you break the huddle this week leave with a plan to encourage each other and maybe even serve together in a tangible way.