**October 14, 2018 Sermon and Community Group Notes**

* Review: Who did Paul say we were before Christ in Ephesians 2:11-12? Who does Paul say we are now because of Christ in Ephesians 2:13-15?
1. **Who We Are in Christ (Ephesians 2:16-19)**
* Read Ephesians 2:16–19
* What do we have with God because of Jesus according to Ephesians 2:16?
	+ Cross reference: Romans 5:10
* What do we have with God because of Jesus according to Ephesians 2:17?
	+ Cross reference: Romans 5:1
* What do we have with God because of Jesus according to Ephesians 2:18?
	+ Cross reference: Hebrews 10:19-22
* Who were we and who are we because of Jesus according to Ephesians 2:19?
	+ Cross reference: Philippians 3:20
1. **Who We’re Becoming in Christ (Ephesians 2:20-22)**
* Read Ephesians 2:20–22
* What does Paul say we are in Ephesians 2:20-22?
* What is the foundation of the New Community in Ephesians 2:20?

(discuss the terms “*apostles and prophets*” and “*cornerstone*”)

* What is the building/structure of the New Community in Ephesians 2:21-22?
	+ Cross reference: 1 Peter 2:5-7
* What is the goal of our growth in Ephesians 2:21-22?

**Application Questions**

* (2:16-17) Reconciliation & Peace:
	+ Have you been reconciled to God? Do you have peace with God?
	+ Who do you need to be reconciled with? Who do you need to make/be at peace with?
* (2:18) Access:
	+ Do you have access to God through Jesus Christ?
	+ Do you take advantage of your access to God? (enter in/draw near)
* (2:19) Citizens/Family Members:
	+ Are you a citizen of God’s kingdom? Are you a member of God’s family?
	+ Have you accepted/received/believed in this new identity of yours in Christ?
* (2:20) Our Foundation:
	+ Is Jesus your foundation?
	+ Do you build your life on the Bible (apostles and prophets’ teachings)?
* (2:21-22) The Building
	+ Are you a living stone in God’s spiritual house?
	+ Do you allow God to fit you together with other Christians (in the church)?
	+ Are you growing in holiness? Are you growing in being God's holy dwelling place?