



Sermon Discussion Guide

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“Community Building”

Ephesians 2:19-22

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Have you, or someone you love, ever experienced homelessness? Have you ever *felt* homeless?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in *one phrase or sentence* (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, “What was the sermon about on Sunday?” what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

BUILT WITH RECONCILED ALIENS

- 3 What does it mean to be a spiritual alien? How does God remedy that situation?
- 4 What did it mean to the Ephesian Gentiles for Paul to say that they were built on “the foundation of the apostles and the prophets”? You did not end up at Seven Rivers by accident. How did God make you a part of the SRPC family?

BUILT IN LINE WITH THE CORNERSTONE

- 5 What was Paul trying to communicate about Jesus when he called him “the Cornerstone”?
- 6 Who do you withdraw from? Who do you have disdain for? What group of people do you talk about with your spouse?
- 7 Adam spent some time talking about a Greek word, “kathos”. What does “kathos” mean, and why is it significant?
- 8 Why does worship cause such division in some churches? How has this been avoided thus far at Seven Rivers? What was the point of the illustration of the deaf community in Martha’s Vineyard?

BUILT FOR GOD’S GLORY AND DWELLING

- 9 How does it make you feel to be told, “You matter, but you’re not the point. It’s not your party; it’s not about you.” How is stolen glory at the bottom of every sin? How have you been guilty of being a glory thief at certain times in your life?
- 10 Adam asked, “Why would anyone ever think about missing church when they’re able to be there?”

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?