

Personal/Group Training Guide

Week of 9/16/18

“You Belong”

- (1) The sermon addressed the issue of belonging. Describe a situation in which you found yourself not “fitting in” or not belonging. How did you feel? How did you respond?
- (2) Read Ephesians 2:11-12. Describe in your own words the situation that Paul is sharing regarding the Gentiles. What had been missing/absent for the Gentiles?
- (3) Read Ephesians 2:13-15. What change does Paul describe for the Gentiles? What is now different? How/why did this change occur?
- (4) Look at verse 15 again. What is Paul meaning by this? What did Christ accomplish in regard to the law?
- (5) The Jews had taken their “being chosen” and twisted it to make it restrictive and divisive. Are there divisions present in our culture today? Share some examples.
- (6) Describe the effects of these divisions. Read Ephesians 2:16-18. What was Christ’s purpose? What does the term “reconcile” mean? What did Christ accomplish/make available? Who is it made available to?
- (7) Read Ephesians 1:19-22. Explain in your own words the change in status that Paul describes for the Gentiles.
- (8) Where do you fit in this passage? Do you or someone you know feel hopeless? What can you learn/share from this that might help bring hope?
- (9) Read Psalm 82:3, Romans 14:19, 2 Corinthians 5:18. Based on these verses, what is our calling? Israel forgot her calling to be a light to the Gentiles. What can we do so that we might not forget our calling?
- (10) The theme of the sermon this Sunday was “You Belong.” Is there someone that you know who is experiencing hopelessness or isolation? How can you help them/minister to them? How can the group help you in this effort? Close your time in prayer for them and any others who feel as if they don’t “belong.”