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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:
Share with the group a historical personality who brought unity to a nation/country/world.

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested songs:

- To God be the Glory
- In Christ Alone

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. Members will see the importance of the Church in living out their faith.
2. Members will treasure their relationship with fellow believers.
3. Members will seek unity with fellow believers even through their differences.

INTRODUCTION

In the past few lessons, we looked at how each of us were affected by Christ's redemption. We saw that it was an outpouring of God's love, manifesting itself in grace and mercy. Because of the gift of salvation, we who were dead in sin were raised to life together with Christ and God seated us together with Christ in the heavenly realms. In this lesson, we shall see how salvation affected all believers as a group of people called the Church.

Who Gentiles were before Christ (vv. 11-12)

1. In this passage, how are Gentiles different from the Jews?
2. What were the things listed by Paul which we Gentiles did not have before Christ?
3. What advantage did the Jews have over the Gentiles?
4. Does this mean that Jews are better or superior to Gentiles?

Application

Children

1. Have you ever been separated from your parents (e.g., got lost in a mall, parents went on a long trip, parents are working abroad, etc.)? How did you feel? How did you feel when you were reunited with them?

Youth

1. What are some of the things you notice about other believers that can sometimes make you feel inferior to them? Share your thoughts with the group.
2. Now that you are no longer separated from Christ, how has your life begun to change in light of your new identity in Jesus?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Adults

1. Describe your life before Christ, which Paul described as “having no hope and without God.” How does it affect you when you recall your past before becoming a Christian?

Community

1. How can you reach out to your community that they may come to realize their need for Christ?

World

1. Before Christ, there was hostility between the Jews, who were God’s chosen people, and Gentiles. Compare and contrast this with the church and the rest of the people in this day and age.

Who Gentiles are in Christ (vv. 13-18)

1. What were the things accomplished by the shedding of Christ’s for Jews and Gentiles?
2. What were the relationships reconciled by Christ’s sacrifice?
3. What is the significance of having both Jews and Gentiles in one body?
4. How is it possible for believers, who have many differences, to be united in the church?

Application

Children

1. How is our behaviour towards others? How do we treat classmates and friends who are different from us? Are we welcoming and encouraging just like Jesus? Explain and give examples.

Youth

1. What was one instance you were hurt by another believer, perhaps even in our church? How does this passage encourage you to seek unity in our spiritual family?
2. What are the common things you see on social media or in your schools that tend to put certain smaller “walls of hostility” between believers today? How can you be a part of God’s ministry of reconciliation in these situations?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Adults

1. How are you encouraged by your real and present status?
2. Are there aspects of your being (e.g., nationality, economic status, social class, education, etc.) that are a subconscious barrier to your fellowship with other Christians? How will you go about resolving this?
3. If another believer in the local church hurt you deeply, how does looking at Jesus' sacrifice on the cross enable you to forgive? What will you do to initiate reconciliation with them?

Community

1. How can you bring people in your community to be reconciled with God?

World

1. There are many things dividing people today: political alignment, medical opinions, etc. How can our church be an example of people having different points of view united by their relationship with Christ?

PRAYER ITEM

Pray with thanksgiving for Christ's gift of redemption, which placed us all in God's family, the church. Pray for believers who have become lukewarm to fellowship with others in the local church.



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