

GOD'S NEW HOUSEHOLD

God's New Family- Part 7

February 25, 2024

THE PASSAGE: Ephesians 2:13-22

Key characteristics of those in Christ:

Jesus' blood gives each the same _____ with God (vs. 13,17)

Jesus' Spirit gives each the same _____ to God (v. 18)

Pictures of those in Christ:

- fellow citizens (v. 19)

- members of God's _____ (v.19)

- living stones in God's _____ (v.20)

The importance/priority of _____ to Jesus should impact/influence our view of and commitment to it (vs. 14-16; 20-22; Mt. 16:18)

Life Group Questions for the Week of February 25, 2024

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Discuss this statement: "The Gospel gives us something that unites us greater than anything that divides us."

3. What does it mean to be "a holy temple in the Lord" or "a dwelling place for God?"

4. What does it mean for Christ to be the cornerstone of "the whole structure"?

5. In light of the difference pictures of the church that Paul gives in this passage, how important is the church to God?

6. What truths from this passage help inform you as to why a Christian should be a part of and involved in local church family?

7. One poll found 81% of Americans said they believed one can be a very good Christian without attending a church. Discuss.

8. Discuss the metaphors Paul uses in Ephesians to describe the church and which one you most relate to and why:

Jesus' body- 1:22,2:16

God's people/kingdom- 2:19

God's household-2:19

God's Temple- 2:20

9. Do you think most American Christians see themselves primarily as an American (or any other identity) more so than as a Christian? Why?

10. In light of this week's passage, how involved do you think a Christian should be in the church and why?