

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, November 13th 2016

The Vehicle for God's Movement | Growing in the Household (Ephesians 2:11-22)

Sermon Recap: Rich spoke on the Church as the household of God. That through Christ, we have been brought near to God, been unified and given hope. Paul says we are now citizens in a kingdom, members of a household and most of all, blocks in a holy temple. Therefore, we must be built on truth, aligned with Christ, and submitted to one another and our Holy God will dwell amongst us.

1. What are your favorite memories from growing up in your family? OR Can you recall a time when you didn't even want to sit next to one another?
2. Throughout Paul's passage on the Church, what or who seems to be the common thread? Where does Paul place his emphasis? (Christ's reconciling sacrifice, the Holiness of God)
3. Rich used the metaphor of the Jewish Temple to contrast Paul's own words about Jesus and the Church, what parallels/contrasts stood out as significant to you?
4. Read Proverbs 27:17 in the ESV and note the alternate translation. What image is brought to mind? How does this relate to submitting to one another as blocks of His temple?
5. If we are indeed citizens of a kingdom, members of his household, and blocks in his temple, where do you struggle most in being a block? Standing on his word, aligning yourself in prayer, submitting yourself to other believers?
6. Where is our nation (and our town) in need of good blocks right now?
7. What is one thing that you can do to be a better block this week? What is one thing your group can do to display the gift of the family of God to our community this holiday season?

Work Application

8. So often, concepts like a universal family of God don't apply to our capitalist workplace so well. Where are you challenged to look at your work differently this week living as a block of God's temple in the world?
9. How can a firm foundation in his word, alignment with Christ, and submission to coworkers change your work context personally? Corporately?

