

Scripture

Ephesians 2:19-22

Conversation Starter

1. Have you ever been in a place where you felt like you didn't belong? What made you feel that way? What could have helped you feel like you belonged there?

Going Deeper

1. If you heard the message on Sunday what were some things that stood out to you? For those who were not there can someone offer a recap?
2. Read Ephesians 2:19-22
3. Which words stand out to you in this passage and why?
4. In Ephesians Paul is speaking about the divide that has existed between Jews and Gentiles and how Jesus changed that so they became one family. This is something that we know from scripture was hard for Jewish believers to understand. Why do you think many Jews had a hard time accepting and welcoming gentiles?
5. On Sunday Rob changed the word Gentile to outsider, why did he do that? To you that does make sense or not?
6. Gentiles were considered outsiders by Jews in the first century because they were not like them in ethnicity, social practices and beliefs. Because of their cultural practices many Jews did not associate with gentiles. What are some cultures or people groups that contemporary Christians may approach similarly to how the first century Jewish believers approached gentiles?
7. What do you think we could do today to help people who feel like outsiders to God's family come to know the love, hope and embrace of Jesus?
8. On Sunday Rob said we are created for connection, but we drift towards isolation. Why do you think people seem to drift towards isolation? What can we do to fight that drift?
9. One of the things that makes Bromley Bromley is that we pursue community. You by being in this group are people who have pursued community. Meaning you know you can drift to isolation, but you have chosen intentionally be part of a community in this group. How has being connected with people in a small group helped you grow in your faith?
10. In 2 Corinthians 8:5 Paul speaking of the Macedonian church says "And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us." Based on his statement about this church, we, the church, need to do 2 things 1) Commit to the Lord and 2) Commit to a body of believers. Do you need to do one of these? If not what step do you need to take to further your commitment to God and his family?

