

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF OCT 23 2016

TEXT: EPHESIANS 2:11-22 J. Richards

CROSS-RECONCILIATION

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. What became a dividing line according to Ephesians 2:11? Was that God's design?
2. Why do you think ethnic divisions generally devolve into hostility (Ephesians 2:14,16)?
3. Note the ways the cross unifies us in Ephesians 2:18-22.

4. What personal qualities do we need to develop to be able to follow the example set for us in Galatians 2:11-14?

III. Making it Personal

5. Evaluate your attitude towards people who are different from you. Be aware that many times our attitudes developed unconsciously over our lifetime. Do you think your attitude reflects the truths of Ephesians 2:11-22?
6. Have you ever (inadvertently) contributed to ethnic or cultural tensions in your church or community? List two or three practical steps you can take to promote cross-cultural reconciliation.

IV. Prayer