



Isn't She Beautiful - Week One
You Belong Here

Bible Reading

Ephesians 2:11–22

[\[12:01\]](#)

Ephesians 2:10

[\[29:59\]](#)

Matthew 22:37–40

[\[28:45\]](#)

Observation questions

1. In Ephesians 2:11–12, what words does Paul use to describe the Gentiles' situation before Christ? What do those words reveal about how far away they were?
2. What has Christ done in verses 13–18 to bring together people who were once separated? Notice especially the words “brought near,” “our peace,” “destroyed,” “one new humanity,” and “reconcile.”
3. Paul gives three pictures of the church in verses 19–22: fellow citizens, members of God's household, and a building where God lives. What does each picture add to the group's understanding of connection in the church? [\[24:34\]](#)
4. According to Ephesians 2:10, what are God's people created in Christ to do? How does that connect with a church showing God's heart through practical care? [\[30:46\]](#)

Interpretation questions

1. Jesus does not merely tell Jews and Gentiles to tolerate one another; he “destroyed the dividing wall of hostility.” What does this show about the kind of peace Jesus brings between people who have real differences? [\[21:35\]](#)
2. Paul says that those who were “far away” and those who were “near” both receive peace through Jesus. How does the shared need for the same Savior challenge the tendency

to see one kind of person as more worthy, clean, informed, or spiritual than another?
[\[23:34\]](#)

3. What might it look like for a church to move beyond being a group of people who attend the same gathering and toward being a household and a dwelling place where God lives by his Spirit? [\[25:20\]](#)
4. If the church is God's handiwork and masterpiece, why is it important to be honest about the mess caused by forgiven sinners without deciding that the church itself has no beauty or purpose? [\[32:23\]](#)

Application questions

1. Think of a time when a local church showed up for someone in a practical way—through meals, presence in a crisis, encouragement, care, or help. What made that experience reflect the love of Jesus? [\[08:41\]](#)
2. What “us and them” categories are easiest for you to carry into church relationships—politics, age, background, race, income, church experience, theology, or something else? How might remembering that everyone needs the same Savior change the way you approach someone in that category? [\[21:40\]](#)
3. Is there someone in the church community whom you have kept at a safe distance because they are different from you, difficult for you, or unfamiliar to you? What is one small, honest step toward peace or connection you could take this week?
4. The church is described as citizens, family, and stones built together. Where do you currently experience real belonging and mutual care, and where might you still be living mainly as an attendee? [\[25:00\]](#)
5. Sin can put mud on God's masterpiece through division, self-protection, harsh words, indifference, and unresolved conflict. Is there any mud you may be contributing through your attitudes, words, or actions? What would cleaning up that area look like in a specific relationship? [\[33:40\]](#)
6. Jesus calls his people to love God and love their neighbors. What is one practical good work God may be placing in front of you right now—especially a need you could meet alongside others rather than alone? [\[28:45\]](#)
7. “You belong here” can be a powerful expression of Christ's welcome, especially for people who are still deciding what they believe. How can this group make room for honest questions, different backgrounds, and people who may feel far away from God or church? [\[34:45\]](#)