

Week of November 3, 2019
Discussion Questions – Ephesians 2:11-16

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

When have you felt closest to God? How about the furthest?

Read Ephesians 2:11. Paul explains the Hebrew people at the time believed they were especially close to God because they conformed to various religious rules. But the changes they made outside themselves never really led to changes inside themselves (more compassion, quicker tendency to forgive others, etc.).

How do you know when changes you have made to your priorities, your words, how you treat people and others are visible changes that ACTUALLY point to deeper changes that have taken place inside you first?

Read Ephesians 2:12. At one point the readers were uniformed about God's teachings. **What's an area or topic of the Bible where you feel uniformed (i.e., you need to learn more about)?**

Other than listening to a sermon or reading the Bible, how do we learn more about God's teaching?

Read Ephesians 2:13-16. Christ ends any negative feelings or divisions between Christians. **What's your first reaction to this statement?**

Time for some transparency. Do you hold a grudge against another Christian right now? Do you have someone you just don't like? **Without revealing names, why have you struggled with these negative feelings toward this person?**

If you asked yourself for advice, **what would you tell yourself you should do next to move the needle in a positive direction to address this problem?**

Spend time praying for each other and that God would open an opportunity for each of us to "take our own advice" regarding this situation.