Ephesians: More Than We Can See

**Unity—Ephesians 2:11-22**

**Week 7: October 25, 2018**

1. Who are “the uncircumcision”? Who are the circumcision?
2. What was the purpose of circumcision as God originally commanded for the Jews?
3. What was true of the Gentiles before they trusted in Christ (2:12)?
4. What do each of the following phrases mean?
	1. Separate from Christ
	2. Alienated from the commonwealth of Israel
	3. Strangers to the covenants of promise
	4. Having no hope
	5. Without God in the world
5. Have you ever felt separate, excluded, hopeless? How does Christ connect and unify us?
6. Verse 13 begins with “But now…” which indicates a shift or change. What is the change for the Gentiles who are in Christ? How did Christ do this?
7. Who is the peace for both Jews and Gentiles? What has Jesus done to both groups?
8. What are “barriers” or “dividing walls” that separate religious groups from each other in today’s world?
9. How does the enemy use these barriers to undermine the mission of the church?
10. What did Christ abolish? What did Christ create (2:15)?
11. Who did Christ reconcile? To whom were they reconciled? Through what did he reconcile?
12. Verse 19 begins with “So then…” What is now the status of the Gentile believers?
13. What is the foundation upon which God’s household, the church, is built? Who is the chief cornerstone (2:20)?
14. What does the word “foundation” mean to you? What might be a “false foundation” on which we try to build the church?
15. What comes to mind when you hear the word “unity”?
16. How are we being built together into a dwelling place for God?
17. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, what steps can you take to encourage unity in the church?