

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 2:19-22

Extra Notes:

The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones.

–Henry Ward Beecher

1) The *fellow citizens* of God's household. (Eph. 2:19)

- If we were once strangers to God's household, whose household did we belong to and who is the father over that household? (See *John 8:42-47*)
- In your own words, what does it mean to be a part of God's household? ? (See *John 14:1-6*) What blessings have you experienced since being a part of the church of Jesus Christ?

2) The *foundation* of God's household. (Eph. 2:20)

- How can we view the apostles and prophets as our foundation? (See *1 Cor. 12:12-19*)
- What happens when we do not allow Christ to be the Cornerstone of our faith? (See *Acts 4:8-12*)
- What joy is produced when the Lord is our Cornerstone? (See *Psalms 118*) What signs might be evidence that we have received or rejected the Cornerstone?

3) The *fabrication* of God's household. (Eph. 21-22)

- In Ephesians we read Paul state, "in whom" and "in Him." How is being "In Christ" essential in our personal salvation and construction as God's living temple? How do we live "in Him"? (See *Philippians 2:1-4*)
- We are being "joined together" and "built together." This stresses who we are with Christ, yet also seems to speak of the community of "living stones" being developed into the living temple of God, build upon the proper foundation. What does this teach us about the value of Christian community? (See *1 Peter 5:6-11*)