

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 2:14-18

Extra Notes

I could not live at peace if I put the shadow of a willful sin between myself and God. –George Eliot

1) The person of peace. (Eph. 2:14)

- How would you define peace? How does our definition change in light of Jesus Christ? How does Jesus affirm that we serve a relational God? (See Isaiah 9:6-7)
- God has called us to build bridges not walls. What might this look like in our lives? (See Matthew 25:14-30) What talents have God given us to help others experience peace?

2) The provision of peace. (Eph. 2:15-16)

- God’s design in Christ is one man, not two. How does life in Christ create peace through unity? (See Eph. 4:1-3)
- Paul speaks of a “new” person, new is “*kainon*” meaning “fresh in character or quality.” How might we understand this newness in light of being a new creation? (See 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

3) The proclamation of peace. (Eph. 2:17-18)

- Paul speaks of the Godhead at work in the process of salvation. (See Matt. 28:19-20) How have you experienced the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in your own life? How would you proclaim your experience using the Bible? Go back to Ephesians chapter one:

○ Father (Eph. 1:3-6): _____

○ Son (Eph. 1:7-12): _____

○ Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14): _____
