

## **LISTENING GUIDE**

### **Ephesians 2:13-22 – Christ Constructs Peace**

1. Racism and ethnic prejudice are \_\_\_\_\_ that we have \_\_\_\_\_ the image of God as thinking moves from egocentric to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Everyone's heart is \_\_\_\_\_ apart from Christ.
3. Christ brought me \_\_\_\_\_ to God and \_\_\_\_\_ the hostility between God and me.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus proclaims we must \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people is first the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith in Christ and then the life of \_\_\_\_\_ that follows.
6. What we are in Christ:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people.
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ of God's family.
  - 3) A \_\_\_\_\_ of praise to the Lord.
7. With Christ as the \_\_\_\_\_, the church is built as a place for \_\_\_\_\_ to belong.

# **LIFEGROUPS**

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

COMPLETE THESE QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP.  
BRING THIS SHEET AND A BIBLE WITH YOU TO YOUR LIFE GROUP.



### **WARM UP**

On a sweltering day of summer fun, what ice cream flavor do you pick? Cake, sugar, waffle cone, or dish?

### **QUICK REVIEW**

Was there any one thing you found particularly insightful, helpful, or challenging from this week's message?

### **INTO GOD'S WORD**

As God's writer Paul talked about the unity that Christ had brought, bridging the divide between Jew and Gentile, and really uniting all races, he wrote this in verse 18: "For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. "

How would you explain what it means that we have "access" to God the Father in Christ?

Read Galatians 3:26-29. **What connections to this week's sermon message and Ephesians 2:13-22 do you see?**

### ***INTO MY LIFE***

In the sermon message pastor shared that the root meaning behind reconciliation is the idea of an “exchange.” Christ exchanged his own righteousness for our own sin. This is such an incredible and marvelous exchange that it is sometimes hard for us to both fully comprehend and fully explain.

**What illustrations might be used to explain this exchange to someone with whom you have the opportunity to speak about your faith? Do you have a favorite, a great one gleaned from someone else, or can you come up with your own?**

In this week's sermon Pastor declared that because of what we know Christ has done for us, Christians are in the best position to remove hostility that exists among people.

**What role do you think the “church” and individual Christians should take in racial reconciliation?**

**Is there anything you would like to see Beautiful Savior do in a greater and better way to “practice” the peace that Jesus has proclaimed to us and be a place for all people to belong?**

### ***SHARING & PRAYER***

Your prayer requests:

