

Ephesians Introduction

Reminders

- ***Ephesians Devotional Guides Now Available***

Don't forget to pick up your Ephesians Devotional Guide. To make your reading easier to keep up with, we have included a bookmark that includes a reading schedule so make sure to grab that as well.

- ***Exodus Kids Serve Rotation***

If you are looking for a place to serve at Exodus, Exodus Kids is trying to place people for their next rotation that begins on September 4th. This is a place where you get to hold babies, comfort toddlers, teach pre-schoolers, or maybe learn something new from a Kindergarten- 5th grader! We are praying for some dedicated servants in this area. If you are interested or just want more information, please contact Heather Phillips!

***Are there people in your group who are not yet serving? If so, ask the group, "What are some hurdles to serving at Exodus? Encourage them to serve.**

- ***Exodus Baptism***

If you are a follower of Christ and have never celebrated through baptism, we will be having believers baptisms on September 11. Contact an Elder or your Community Group Leader to sign up.

- ***Money Matters Class***

- **When:** Friday, Sep. 23 6-9pm and Saturday, Sep. 24 9am-Noon
- **Where:** The Overflow Space
- **Cost:** \$10.00 per person
- **Childcare:** Provided at no additional charge
- **How to Register:** Register on the City

As Christians, we learn how we ought to conduct our lives primarily through God's word. Many times, however, we pick and choose the pieces we want to hear and apply, missing out on the rewards that follow faithful obedience. The topic of money is both exceedingly relevant in our daily lives as well as frequently discussed in the Bible. Please join us for our Money Matters class as we begin to explore what the Bible says about money. Food and childcare will be provided. If you have any questions please send them to finances@theexoduschurch.org. Please join us, investing in life-changing knowledge of the truth.

Remember

Catch up with your group. Encourage intentional hospitality.

What is something you are learning from your personal study of Ephesians?

Read Ephesians 2:11-22

What are some things that stood out to you from the passage? From the sermon?

Deepen

When you read Ephesians 2:11-22, it speaks of those who were far off and those who were near. What does that mean? Are there any ways that could apply to us?

Discuss the vertical dimension of the gospel in Ephesians 2:13. Who is reconciled? How? Why is this important?

Discuss the horizontal dimension of the gospel in Ephesians 2:14-17. Who is reconciled? To whom?

Paul connects both the vertical (Reconciled to God) and horizontal (Reconciled to one another) dimension of the gospel in this passage. Why is that important?

Talk about the vision of the church in Ephesians 2:18-22. What are some things you see there?

Talk about each metaphor. What different perspectives do they give us of the church?

Transform

When you think about Jews and Gentiles being reconciled to one another in the church, that's going to produce hurdles. What would be some hurdles to overcome in this? What would make this especially challenging?

One application of this reconciliation deals with racial reconciliation in our day.

- What are some things that make that challenging to talk about?
- How do you struggle to know how to navigate this in your own life?
- What are some intentional gospel steps you can take to pursue the horizontal dimension of the gospel?

Close in prayer.