



Community Group Discussion Guide

Remember What Jesus Has Done – May 26th

I. Starter Questions:

- Peace... What picture does that word bring to your mind? What does perfect peace look like for you?
- In honor of Memorial Day weekend, does anyone have a family member or friend that has served our country that you would like to tell us about?

II. Discussion of Scripture:

It is a very good thing for us to pause and remember those that have lived sacrificial lives to provide and protect the liberties that we could not obtain or maintain on our own. The veterans that have sacrificed their freedoms, or even their lives so that we can enjoy ours deserve our gratitude. Similarly, Paul in his letter to the Ephesians calls us to remember Christ and all that he accomplished for us. Let's take some time reading and meditating on the following passage which reminds us of some of the eternal riches that Jesus' sacrifice obtained for us.

Ephesians 2:11-22 (ESV) - ¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,^[a] but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by^[b] the Spirit.

For Discussion:

1. What does this passage call us to remember about our original state? In relation to Christ? In relation to God's covenants? In relation to our future?
2. "But now" (...what wonderful words to hear), what has Christ done for us? How did he do it?

3. What do we now have through Him?
4. Who are we now, because of Him?
5. What are we corporately becoming?
6. The passage we are studying today speaks about a peace that Christ has brought, and a breaking down of dividing walls between the Gentiles and Jews as well as between the Gentiles and God. Have you seen Christ bring peace into your life and/or your relationships? Has he broken down any dividing walls? In what way?
7. Read Ephesians 2:10. What does that verse tell us about who we are? How can this verse guide us in our decision making in honor of what Jesus accomplished?
8. Jesus established the ordinance of communion to help us remember what He did for us. Why would we need help remembering something so significant? What can cause us to forget?
9. Does it ever feel like you've lost your gratitude for what he's accomplished? If so, what causes that?
10. "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love" is a line from a well-known Hymn. What are measures we can take to counteract that drift?

III. Responding in Prayer:

Pray that our church will be one that makes it a point to remember Christ and maintain our focus on Him. Pray that we as individual members will place more emphasis on adoring Him than on adoring the blessings that He provides. Pray that our desire to know Him will grow and that our increasing meditation on Him and communion with Him will result in our seeking to share Jesus' love with those that need Him. On this Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, remember to pray for those that are grieving and thank God for the sacrifices of our soldiers.