



HATFIELD
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 1 WEEK 3

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One in Christ

'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.'

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Icebreaker

Have you ever had an '*I was made to do this!*' feeling while you were doing something?
Share with the group.

Introduction

Read Ephesians 2 out loud in the group. Spend a few minutes in silence for everyone to
contemplate the following questions:

- What would you say is the verse that most accurately summarizes the message of the chapter? Explain why.
- What is the most important idea in the chapter regarding our salvation?
- What is the most important idea in the chapter regarding Christian community?

Discussion

In Ephesians 2 we see a progression of focus; it starts with the redemption of the individual, moves on to the redemption of both Jew and Gentile, and finally shows how redemption extends to the entire Church. Those who were previously excluded from God's people can now become insiders – full members of his community.

- Read verses 4-5 and 8-10 again. What is the apparent contradiction in the text?
- How do you resolve the two ideas?

We understand from 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 that we, as individuals, are temples of the Holy Spirit. However, in Ephesians 2:22, this idea is applied to us as a people.

- How do you think this truth should impact us as a church?

Prayer

- Let each person have a turn to share any prayer requests, and pray together for each other's needs.
- Pray for Hatfield Christian Church, that we may discern the Lord's guidance and be united in following His leading.
- Pray for South Africa in this time of change and potential. Pray that decisions would be made for the common good.