



SERIES BIG IDEA

God's wisdom, understanding, and knowledge can help us build rare and beautiful relationships.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Truly knowing one another is how we live as the family of God.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHTS

These questions are designed to get people thinking about what it might feel like to be an alien or a stranger in an unfamiliar place or land. This guide is centered on the notion of Christian hospitality that loves strangers so well they become our friends. Get people thinking about the ways our popular notions of hospitality need to be challenged by a more radical form portrayed in the Scripture in general and by Jesus more specifically.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

The passage in question is a large chunk of Scripture in Ephesians. There are many images of hospitality present in this text, which are central to the gospel, so challenge your group to see how that truth has the potential to revolutionize our world. It might help to consult a commentary before your discussion, or check out J.D. Gear's teaching on Ephesians 2:11-3:13 on Right Now Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647#4>

LIFE APPLICATION

Use these questions to get the group talking about the way they have seen hospitality practiced, practiced it themselves, or have directly benefitted from it. Help the group think through the challenges of practicing this kind of hospitality in a world that sometimes puts up walls around people groups. Get your group talking about how they can live in a hospitable way, both as a group and as individuals.

CHALLENGE

Use this to get your group thinking about how they can practically implement this into their lives this week. You could also use some time to brainstorm specific people or ways so that next week you can catch up and see how it went.