

2. How does an individualistic view of the gospel (i.e. “*me and Jesus*”) impact our view of the church? Read Titus 2:11-14, 1 Corinthians 12:13, and Ephesians 2:11-22. What do these passages say about Christ’s purpose in saving us? How does a “*we and Jesus*” perspective on the gospel transform our view of identity, and of having a relationship with God? How does it transform the way we read the Bible?
3. Paul says that Christ’s death makes us “*fellow citizens*” (Ephesians 2:19). Christ dies to make us a people who represent him *together* (see John 13:34-35; Ephesians 3:8-10). How does this change our motivation for pursuing relationships with each other? For gathering?
4. Paul says that Christ makes us members of the same household (Ephesians 2:20). Why is it important to see the church not as a community we choose (like friends), but a community we receive (like family)? How does this reframe our commitment to the family of God?
5. Paul says that Christ has made us a dwelling place for the Spirit (Ephesians 2:21-22). How does this change the way we think about experiencing Christ’s presence? What does this teach us about the importance of being physically together as God’s people (see also Ephesians 4:11-16)?

Application

6. The last two years have greatly disrupted our normal rhythms of life together. What is your biggest barrier to reestablishing relationships in the body of Christ? How might you overcome this?
7. Jeff gave a number of practical applications for how we can re-build community. Which of these stood out to you? Why?
8. What’s one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?