

# Mind

## The Likes of Us

Ephesians 2:11-22 | Session 7.29

### Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media)

### Context

Ask the group to identify its members position on the following questions, explaining all choices:

- What is your favorite color?
- What's your favorite sports team?
- If you had some free time this afternoon, what one thing would you choose to do first?
- What is your favorite type of food?
- Did Han shoot first?

Continue by asking:

- What are some issues/questions that typically divide Christians today?
- Regardless of your personal position on these issues, why do you think they are so divisive?
- On what issues do you believe there is, or should be, common ground between Christians and why?

### Content

Read together [Ephesians 2:1-22](#), watch the Bible Background Video.

Then ask questions like these:

- In what ways is the image of “death and life” in this passage an appropriate image for our redemption?
- How does the idea that God has chosen us for a purpose give shape and purpose to our community of faith?
- The passage speaks of these things as an already-finished process. Why do you think this matters?
- How does the earlier assertion about God’s work of bringing us to life change the way we look at divisions between believers?
- We might think that peace would come through compromise, but this passage holds that our true peace is Jesus himself. In what way do you think that Jesus is our peace??
- Why does it matter that this passage describes our community as an unfinished process?
- If we are to assume that the community of faith is a process, what is our part in that process and why?

## Closure

Continue by asking:

- In what ways does the nature of the issues over which Christians disagree today shape our view of unity, especially in the light of scriptures such as these?
- Who might we tend to consider a lesser part of the Body of Christ and why?
- What in our relationship to Christ can help to discover our unity?
- In what ways is our need for unity among believers related to the needs of the rest of creation?
- How can we be part of making unity happen?

Close with prayer that we may all be open to each other and find unity.