

Discussion Guide for Ephesians 2:11-18

1. Read Ephesians 2:11-18 and review the sermon outline

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening or troubling?

2. Truth: Good spiritual hiking partners point one another to God's power. God's power is presently at work in His Church. God's power has permanently united His church under the New Covenant.

Read Hebrews 8:1-13

How does the text contrast the Old Covenant and the New Covenant?

How does the "true" vs. "copy" contrast of 8:1-5 inform us about the value of the copy?

Which covenant is better? (8:6)

Read Hebrews 9:1-10 and 10:1-4

What were the problems with the Old Covenant system connected to repetition and effectiveness?

Read Hebrews 9:11-15 and 9:24-28

In what ways is Jesus a better priest?

In what sense did Jesus bring a better sacrifice?

How does Jesus overcome the Old Covenant problems connected to repetition and effectiveness?

What are the benefits for us of Jesus' better priesthood and sacrifice?

Read Hebrews 10:12-27

How does God want us to respond to the superiority and blessings of the New Covenant?