



Throughout time humanity has been great at building walls that divide. Humanity has not only been good at building physical walls, but invisible walls as well. We've built invisible barriers around politics. Culturally and socially we've built walls around generational differences, barriers between those who live in urban areas and those who live in rural ones for example. We've built economic walls, educational walls, and walls that even divide the church. In Ephesians 2:11-22 Paul teaches us the walls in our life can keep us from contact and connection with others. We learn that God came to destroy the walls to seek to divide us.

1. In the beginning of the sermon Neal talked about two physical walls that brought division to the locations they were built; the Great Wall of China and the Berlin Wall. When you think about walls that divide, what is the first wall that comes to mind?
2. Read Ephesians 2:11–13. Paul teaches us that at one point there was a wall between us and God but through the blood of Jesus that wall is broken down. Share with your group how Jesus pursued you and brought you into relationship with Him.
3. Paul describes what our separation from God looked like by using the language of: “foreigners and excluded from citizenship in Heaven.” How do we see Jesus draw people to Himself and invite us to be citizens of Heaven?
4. Read Ephesians 2:14-16. Jesus came to break down the walls that divide us. Read Acts 10:34–35, Galatians 3:28, and James 2:1. What practical steps can we take as individuals or as a group to live out racial reconciliation and unity in Christ?
5. Paul writes that Jesus came to reconcile us back to the Lord (v. 16). Reconciliation is: *to reestablish proper friendly interpersonal relations after these have been disrupted or broken*. Is there someone you need to reconcile with?
6. Read Ephesians 2:14-18. Part of breaking down walls that divide us means living in peace. Read Matthew 5:9, Romans 12:18, and Hebrews 12:14. How can we be a group of people who live in peace with others?
7. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. How does remembering that our primary citizenship is in heaven shape the way we live as Christians in America?
8. Think about your “My Circle” card. Who in your circle still feels far from God, and how might you pray for or reach out to them this week?