

Sermon Notes – January 27, 2019

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Walls. Ephesians 2:11-22

1. V11-12: Walls _____

God has, still does, and will always care about _____

Examples of God's concern for the Gentiles: _____

Scripture References:

Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Leviticus 11:44; Ezekiel 36:22-23; 1 Timothy 2:3-4

2. V13-16: Walls _____

The wall of separation was _____ because the Lordship of Jesus

is greater than any _____

Scripture References:

Galatians 3:10,27; John 10:9, 14:6; Romans 3:10-23; 6:23

3. V17-22: Bridges _____

To know Jesus, _____ must be removed and _____

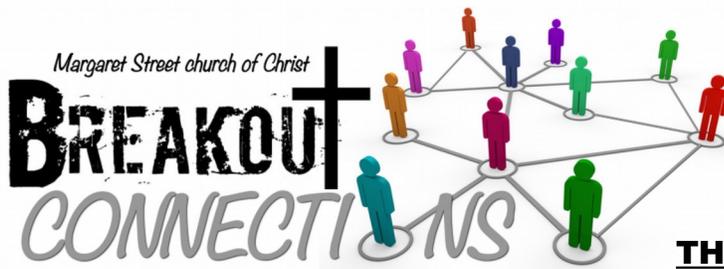
Although Jesus is the bridge, one must still _____ in order to cross it.

"But your _____ have _____ you from God ..." (Isaiah 59:2)

Scripture References:

Colossians 3:11; Galatians 3:28; Isaiah 59:2; Matt 7:13-14, 25:31-46

Additional Notes:



*Breaking out into small groups,
Making connections,
Building relationships.*

THOUGHT / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Answer as many questions as you can during your group breakout session. Answer the remaining questions in your private time and ponder your responses during this week.

1. Did anything from today's lesson stand out, impact you, or challenge you? Do you agree, or disagree with the points, or statements, from the lesson? (No political statements, please – keep the focus on spiritual matters!)
2. What are some spiritual walls you have had to overcome? Or, are there some walls (obstacles) that you are still striving to conquer in your spiritual walk?
3. Is there any one group of people (ethnic, political, geographical, economic, etc) that God isn't concerned about? Did Jesus die for the Jews only? How can we, as Christians, exemplify the same inclusivity that Jesus demonstrated? Please explain.
4. When does a wall, barrier, or separation exist between God and man? What must one do to remove that barrier? Be specific, please.
5. According to John 17:11-18, Christians are IN the world but they are not OF the world. Doesn't that create a separation between "us" and "them"? How is a Christian to behave in the world but yet, not be of it? (What did Jesus do?)
6. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. The Apostle uses words like, "chosen, royal, holy (set apart), and special." This clearly denotes a distinct separation between those who have these qualities and those who don't. But the verse also contains a purpose for those characteristic, what is it and why is it important to understand? Please elaborate.