



## **INTRO**

When you were a child, did you ever get into a fight with another child? Share the story with the group if you've got a good one.

## **DISCUSSION**

1. Pastor Mike mentioned that there's increased tension and division in our world today. How have you personally experienced or observed this in your own life or community? How does this relate to the division between Jews and Gentiles that Paul addresses in Ephesians 2?
2. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus' purpose was "to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace" (Ephesians 2:15). In what ways have you seen the Gospel bring together people who might otherwise be divided? What challenges have you faced in pursuing unity with those who are different from you?
3. Paul uses three metaphors for the church in this passage: citizens of the same country, members of the same household, and bricks in the same building. Which of these resonates most with you and why? How might these metaphors change the way we interact with fellow believers?
4. Pastor Mike highlights that our identity in Christ should supersede other identities. How have you struggled with or succeeded in making your identity in Christ primary? What difference does this make in how you relate to others, especially those different from you?
5. The sermon mentions the importance of close community where others can help us see our blind spots (referencing Hebrews 3:13). How comfortable are you with this level of vulnerability in your Christian relationships? What steps could you take to foster this kind of community?

