

**Discussion Questions**

1. Start with prayer. Studying the Bible is spiritual/heart work. Ask the Lord to open the eyes of your heart, then read thru the passage 3 times slowly, prayerfully, out loud.
2. This passage has our first imperative so far in the book of Ephesians. What is it?
3. What people group is Paul addressing in vv.11-13?
4. From verse 12, list and describe the plight of the first people group before they trusted Christ.
5. What people group does he begin to include starting in v.14?
6. So what are the two groups that were reconciled and made one? Why is this significant?
7. What was the source of enmity between these two groups according to v.15? How would this keep these two groups apart and at odds?
8. From verse 17, who was "far away" and who was "near"? Why do you think Paul uses this kind of language considering both groups were in the same boat according to 2:1-3?
9. Do you see the chronology of this passage? There's a series of events along a timeline. List them out in bullet point fashion.
10. What is so astounding or revolutionary about the truths of this passage?
11. Try to state the subject of this entire passage in one word.
12. If God could reconcile these two warring groups of humanity, what are some of the personal implications of this for your own life? How does this challenge or convict or encourage you?
13. Why do you think there is still so much racism and segregation among professing Christians given the truths of this passage?