

Community Group Question Guide

Ephesians 2:13-19 – *The Peace of Christmas*

13 *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

14 *For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility*

15 *by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,*

16 *and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.*

17 *And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.*

18 *For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

19 *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God -- ESV*

Who are those “far off?”

Why did those far off need “bringing near” by Jesus?

How is Jesus our peace?

What is the essence of peace as described by Paul here?

What does it mean to be a “stranger and alien” then to become a “fellow citizen?”

How were you a stranger and alien? Are you now a fellow citizen? How? Why?

Are you a fellow citizen but perhaps still feel like a stranger and alien?

What would you like God to do in you through this passage?