

TLC Home Group Expectations

- **Please start and end on time.** If you'd like to provide an atmosphere of fellowship, it's better that you provide this at the end to allow people who have to leave the opportunity to do so.
 - **Allow silence.** Allow room for others to contemplate and even feel uncomfortable when asking someone to read, within group prayer, or when throwing out a question. Please don't rush in just to fill the space. Allow God to do what only He can.
 - **When sharing, make it about you and what God is revealing about you and or Him.** Please allow room for others to share (don't dominate).
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DEATH TO HOSTILITY
Ephesians 2:11-18

Your Relationships

- Would you consider yourself a people person?
- Who in your life makes you laugh?
- Who in your life is comforting when you're sad or upset?
- Who in your life listens well?
- Who in your life do you go to when you need advice?
- Who is the most challenging person in your life? You don't need to give a name but the question is around if you have someone in your life that is challenging for you to interact with, care for, and love well.

Read Ephesians 2:11-18

- Who is God talking about within the word "gentiles"?
- In Ephesians 2:11-13 God is reminding us of His work of reconciliation in Christ as gentiles. Reconciliation is God righting the relationship between us and Him. We were without hope and help and far away from God. The passage says that you've been brought near to God. Are you experiencing his nearness?

- What do you know about the differences, conflict, and tension between Jewish and gentiles?
- Reconciliation begins with us and God but doesn't stop there—we're now called to be agents of reconciliation within others. The "new man" in verse 15 isn't the individual believer but the church. In verse 16, the hostility was put to death in / through the cross.
 - Talk about your road of putting death to hostility with others.
 - How intentional are you within putting death to hostility?
- Why is reconciliation such a big deal?

Prayer

What would you like to bring before God in the way of an increased awareness of His nearness as well as putting hostility to death within your relationships?