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## MOVE WITH ONENESS

**PASSAGE:** Ephesians 2:11-22

### OUTLINE:

#### 3 Principals to Move With Oneness

1. Remember the Past: We haven't always been one! (v11-12)
2. Reflect on the Present: We've already been won! (v13-18)
3. Rejoice in the Future: Those who are won are one forever (v19-22)

#### 4 Practices to Develop Greater (W)oneness at Highpoint

1. Be a foot-washer (John 13:5)
2. Be a road-crosser (Luke 10:33)
3. Be a roof-wrecker (Mark 2:4-5)
4. Be a log-remover (Matthew 7:3)

### SHARE: GET TALKING (15 min)

- In 90 seconds, share an experience when you were going about your day to day and a bomb dropped that disrupted all the plans you had for the week. Maybe it changed your family's plans, impacted your co-workers or just turned everything around you upside down.

### STUDY: GO DEEPER (30-45 min)

- Read Ephesians 2:11-12. There was some major tension in the early church in Ephesus between the Jewish believers and the Gentile believers. What are some things that if you're not careful, could hurt your unity with other believers?
  
- Read Ephesians 2:13-14. What does it mean that "...he himself (Jesus) is our peace..."? What's an area of your life you need Jesus to bring peace to right now?
  
- We can be so grateful for God's Word, especially when it warns us of issues leading to sin and pain. Read the following passages and discuss the warnings God has given us:
  - 1 Corinthians 1:10 - "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."
  - Romans 16:17-18 - "I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive"

- Titus 3:9 - “But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless”
- Luke 11:17 - “But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.”
- Augustine said, “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.” What picture of unity does this quote paint for the Church? On a scale of 1-10, how “charitable” are you with other brothers and sisters in Christ who you disagree with on non-essential issues?
- Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What unified groups does Paul name here to illustrate the unity within Christ’s Church? What are some ways you’re seeing God unify us as “fellow citizens”, as “members of the household of God”, and as a “holy temple in the Lord”?

## **SUPPORT: GROW TOGETHER** (30-45 MIN)

- Our topic last week was On the Move with Baptism. What did you discuss last week with the group that you wanted to see changed in your life? Can you share any progress?
- Review the “4 Practices To Develop Greater oneness At Highpoint”. Which of these practices is God calling you to grow in? How will you walk in His strength to see this growth in the coming weeks?
- How can we support and pray for you this week?

## **RENEW YOUR MIND: MEMORY VERSE**

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility - Ephesians 2:13-14*

## **LEADER TIP OF THE WEEK:**

As a leader in your group, you want to promote interactive and intentional discussions to encourage others to engage with God’s Word, others, and even themselves. Think through how you can make your follow up questions even more impactful this week? What can you ask to draw out the words in their hearts?