

ANSWER THE CALL

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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## COMMUNITY

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Swap stories. Do you remember a time when you fought with one of your siblings? Tell us how your parents “helped” you reconcile?

## PRAYER

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### **Pray for our brothers and sisters from Pathway church.**

Last week their building was damaged by a car accident. Pray for their pastor, Ben Davis and the staff for wisdom, as they are dealing with insurance, finding a temporary place to meet, and rebuilding. Pray also for the church that they be encouraged and stay together during this time.

### **Pray for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey.**

Pray for the many victims suffering the loss of family members, the pain, the grieving, and lots of personal damage. Pray for the rescue teams that are incessantly working to find survivors. And pray that in the midst of this tragedy, the Lord will make Himself known through the many missionaries that are caring for the victims.

### **Continue our prayer and fasting in February:**

- Pray for Trinity that we will be “a people for His own possession, eager for good deeds.” (Titus 2:13-14)
- Pray for our leadership that Christ would “perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish us.” (1 Peter 5:10)
- Pray for our Ministries and Mission Partners
- Pray that we would love God and love people well
- Pray that we can be encouragers to one another.
- Pray that we will be molded by God
- Pray that as a church we will do His will.

## SCRIPTURE STUDY by Kevin Valson

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### **Ephesians 2:11-22 One in Christ**

In these verses, Paul teaches us the truth about our (the church’s) union with Christ. Simply put, if all believers are united to Christ, then all believers are united to each other through Christ.

Paul, a Jew, teaches the Ephesian gentiles that Jews and gentiles are united to each other in Christ. He reminds them of this new status, and what God is accomplishing by bringing them together. To make this point, Paul refers to several Old Testament scriptures that point to the redemptive work God has been doing through all of history.

### **Read Ephesians 2:11-22, then answer the following questions.**

1. The status of the gentiles has changed from being alienated and estranged (v12) to no longer being so (v19). Who is responsible for this change? [Hint: See v13]
2. Read John 17:20-21. What is Jesus asking of the Father? And Why?
3. What does it mean to be reconciled to God (v.14-18)? Read 2 Cor 5:17-20. If we are called to “Oneness”, why do we still have division in the church?
4. What differences can you overlook in other believers?
5. How does knowing you are united by Christ change how we should treat each other?
6. How can we promote unity in the body of Christ?