

---

## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Ephesians 2:11–22**

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**1. We are foreigners to this world, but we are not lost.**

**2. We are strangers in this world, but we are not alone.**

**3. We are sojourners in this world, but we have a home.**

---

## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Take a moment and read the passages of Scripture together as a group.**

- Have you ever traveled to another country? How did you know you were a foreigner when you arrived? Were there customs that became more familiar and comfortable to you as you spent more time there? What parallels can we draw to us being foreigners in the world?
- Are there any walls in your life that are still up that are preventing someone from entering into a relationship with Jesus Christ?

*Continued on next page.*

- Are there requirements apart from the gospel that you've added to the gospel in order for someone to enter into a relationship with Jesus? How would you recognize if there were?
- How can you embrace your identity as a citizen of God's kingdom and not get lost in the values of the world?
- What are some practical ways I can share the hope of Jesus Christ to others who may be lost in this world?