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## Ephesians: A Three-Week Boogie

### Week One: Who We Is

The Most Important Question: Who Are We?

- Not-them?
- Everybody who matters?
- Players in a play?

Ephesians 1:1-2--> Paul's Greeting--> Standard Pauline letter

Ephesians 1:3-14--> The reality of "our" situation

- Look at the pronouns in these verses: what does "we" mean through this section?
- In what ways does God make "us" who "we" are?

Ephesians 1:15-23--> The cosmic significance of Christ

- Look at the pronouns here: what has changed? What stays constant?
- What are the relationships between God's action and Christians' seeing here?

Ephesians 2:1-10--> Making the dead live

- What do the words "dead" and "alive" mean in this passage?
- From what does Christ save people **in this passage**? By what means does Christ do so? What should be the result of such salvation **according to this passage**?

Ephesians 2:11-22--> A New Humanity

- Who calls whom what in the first couple verses of this chapter? Why is such calling important? What are the implications of such calling?
- What are the relationships between "the law" in this passage and "good works" in the previous passage?
- What does the word "citizen" mean in this passage? What implications might it have in the world outside the Church meeting?

What we is and how we lives

- The closing verses talk about us as being built together into a dwelling place for God. What physical edifice might Paul have had in mind as a contrast? What kinds of implications does that image have in an age without that particular edifice? How does it relate to Paul's other teaching (in 1 Corinthians 6) that y'all's body (the pronoun is plural in the Greek) is a temple?
- The upshot of both chapters today seems to be that in Christ, the faithful live life as a unity. We know what kinds of divisions made people into pluralities in the Roman Empire. What kinds of things divide people in 2008?
- What would be at stake in really believing that all Christians are one? In other words, what do folks stand to lose if Christian confession negates certain boundaries?
- Are there people in your world (i.e. not on television) with whom , in spite of or not knowing their confession, you do not associate? Why is this? What would reconciliation take?