

**6.16.19**  
**A Brand New You**  
**Ephesians 2:18-22**

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**Getting Started:**

1) What are some non-aggressive ways people seek to create distance between themselves and people they don't want to be around?

**Digging Deeper:**

2) Jesus brings people together like a nation unites citizens.

- Where do you see that in this passage?
- Give some examples of when citizens feel their connection with each other.
- What are some indirect practical ways citizens support each other?
- What are some other passages that use this imagery?
- What are some weaknesses with this imagery?

3) Jesus brings people together like a family unites siblings.

- Where do you see this in our passage?
- What other Bible passages use this image?
- What kind of diversity exists among siblings, and how is this like the diversity we see dividing people in the world?
- How does a household facilitate unity with the different people in your home? How is this similar to how the gospel brings unity?
- What are some weaknesses with this imagery?

4) Jesus brings people together like a temple unites stones.

- Where do you see this in our passage?
- What can a temple do that one stone can't? How is this relevant to Paul's point?
- How is this imagery a stronger picture of unity than the other two?
- How are the "apostles and prophets" foundational for us today?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the "cornerstone"?

**Making It Real:**

5) Using each of these three images, what would you say to encourage a Christian who is distant from others to pursue Christian relationships?