

## Week of September 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups

### We are Ohana | United in Peace

#### Overview

We are Ohana! Not only are we reconciled to God by His gracious act of salvation, we are reconciled to one another through Christ. As members of God's family, all barriers of hostility and separation are destroyed!

#### OHANA TIME!

**Icebreaker:** How many states have you visited? How many countries have you visited?

**Ohana Time!** Build a wall (with Legos, cardboard boxes, or rocks) and tear it down to demonstrate that Jesus has the power to tear down barriers!

#### BIBLE: Ephesians 2:11-22

1. Read the passage "dynamically," by emphasizing certain words/phrases and conveying various emotions of the passage.
2. Which two groups is Paul referring to by the "uncircumcised" and "circumcised" in verse 11? Why was there hostility between these two groups?
3. In verses 11-13, what kind of words does Paul use to describe your "former" self, as one apart from Christ? What words are used to describe your "present" self, as one in Christ? What words would you use to describe your "former" and "present" self?
4. What walls of division do you see evidence of in churches, communities and nation today?
5. What kind of images are used to describe the church in verses 19-22? Which one stands out to you? Why?
6. Have you ever been a "foreigner" or a "stranger" in a foreign land? What were your experiences like? How did it feel to be somebody on the "outside?"

#### APPLICATION

1. What areas in your life still has walls to be knocked down? Who can Jesus bring peace to your situation? 1) **Identify** a relationship that requires healing and restoration. **Pray** for Jesus to break down barriers. **Respond** by taking proactive steps to seek peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.
2. Identify people that appear to be on the "outside," disconnected from church and the body of Christ. As an Ohana Group, how can you pray for them and reach out to them?

#### PRAYER

1. Pray in groups of 2-3: Seek God's forgiveness for erecting walls of separation and ask God to tear them down in Jesus' name!
2. Pray in a large group: Give thanks to Jesus who has brought peace to our relationship with God and with one another.

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