

ChristChurch Life Group notes – 07/01/2007
“Building an international church”
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Eph 2:11-22

1. Ask whether anyone in the group has any memorable experiences from being in another culture?
2. V11 – Paul refers to the fact that the Jews of his time have called themselves ‘the Circumcision’ and the Gentiles the ‘un-circumcision’. In what way was this negative?
3. Explain what you understand by Paul’s comment that Jesus has become our peace through “abolishing the law”.
4. God’s call on the Jews was ultimately to bless all nations. Through Israel Jesus would come, and He would be Saviour of the world. The Jews lost sight of this, and separated themselves from other nations. How can we ensure that we don’t lose sight of this calling ourselves?
5. We are all different. God celebrates the diversity in the people groups He has made. In our sinfulness we separate ourselves based on our differences, which are largely external. This even happens in churches. How does this happen, and how can we as a church make sure that we don’t do this?
6. Are there practical ways in which you as a life group can help those around you who are from other cultures?
7. For those who are not from the UK having a heart for this country and its people is really important. How can this be fostered?

Spend some time praying together that God would enable us as a church to be a blessing to the nations, both here in London and through church planting abroad. Pray that we would become excellent at helping those from other cultures and nations become part of us.