



## **Ephesians – What kind of person are you becoming?**

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Key Verses: Ephesians 2 & 3

### **Summary**

- **Becoming Alive (2:1-2:10)**  
Paul talks about us being physically alive but spiritually dead. Through a relationship with Christ we become alive – alive to the acknowledgement of all that Jesus has done and a realization of the grace God has for us (mentioned twice so take note).
- **Becoming United (2:11-2:22)**  
The Ephesians were gentiles (who were separated from the Jews before Jesus). Jesus, in his life, death and resurrection, smashed all the barriers and walls to unite us with God and calls us to be united to each other (See verse 14-15). We are one body; Jesus is the cornerstone to this. When we are united we bring life and show Jesus.
- **Becoming Rooted (2:14-3:21)**  
When we are rooted properly we don't just survive we bear fruit (think of a tree planted well). Paul's highlights a couple of things when we become rooted. We become strengthened (v16) to withstand the storms of life and we will understand the love Jesus has for us (v18). When we consider this we realize how big God is and we can then boldly approach him with a grasp that he can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine (v20-21).

## Questions for Small Groups

- What's the most important question you have ever been asked? (link to the title – What kind of person are you becoming?)
- What differences have you experienced or witnessed in others when you/they are alive in Jesus? (Open this question out a bit to people who aren't following Jesus)
- What are the barriers between you and Jesus or you and other people which are creating dis-unity?
- Think back to the roots on a tree. What difference do they make to the surrounding areas (pavements etc)? Is our root system being as effective for Jesus as it could be?
- Share a dream you have which you haven't yet seen fulfilled. Have you asked God about it/prayed about it? How do we limit God to what he can do? Do we believe he can do more than we ask or imagine?

## To ponder or pray about this week

- If you haven't yet come alive to Jesus – ask him to reveal himself to you this week.
- Get to know someone at school, uni, work, a neighbor etc who you have either avoided or don't know – try to break down any barriers between you.
- As a group write down 5 BIG dreams/prayers you would love to see God do in the remaining part of 2018. Seal them in an envelope and open them in January – you will be surprised as to what God will do!