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"Therefore" (dió) - looking backward ("because") to properly look forward ("therefore").

1. What does "therefore" refer to (Review verses 2:1-10)?
2. What former condition did Paul want them to remember in verses 11-12?
3. Why is it significant to remember?
4. What do we need to remember in our own former lives?

Part 2

Read Ephesians 2:13-18 (20 min)

"But" (dé, a conjunction) - moreover, indeed now

1. What's the good news of peace?
2. How is this good news made possible?
3. What does Satan want to destroy? Hint: In what Christ has done (verses 13,16).
4. How does he divide us? How does he affect our witness?
5. How can we be safeguarded from these lies?

Part 3

Read Ephesians 2:19-22 (20 min)

“Consequently” or “So” or “Therefore” ([airo](#)) through the idea of drawing a conclusion

1. What new identity do we possess (verse 19)?
2. What work is God doing in and through us? (Ephesian 2:20-22; 4:11-16)
3. What then does it mean for me to be a holy temple of the Lord?
4. What daily actions are consistent with being a holy temple of God?

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LEADERS GUIDE

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(For Study Leader: Summary of 2:1-10 to 2:1-3 - Previously dead in sins and followed Satan. 2:4-9 - We alive in Christ and saved by grace. 2:10 - Created to do good works.)

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(Leaders Notes: Verses 13, 16 deal with the unity of the Body of Christ)

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(Leaders Note: Examples include being involved in Circles and fellowship with sound doctrine, discipleship, reading God’s Word)

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(Leaders Note: Chapter 2:20-22 covers God’s work in the church and Chapter 4 speaks to our responsibility as the household of Christ.)

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(Leaders Note: We do not need to go anywhere else to worship.)

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