

经文：以弗所书二 11-22

圣经信息系列《以弗所书》：II.新社会（4.合一的新人类），93-115 页

导师们必读页面：神的新社会画像～我们的现况（107-112）；结论（112-113）

1. 保罗在这里向外邦读者扼要说明了在基督里有所分别的地方。他用了哪些画像？其意义何在？
2. 保罗的焦点，特地集中在教会是新的圣殿这幅画像上面(2:20-22)。他说了什么？他所写的与我们今天有什么切合之处？
3. 按照你的经验，教会有多符合保罗所描绘的？讨论一下你本身可以如何改善现在的情况，以致不会叫教会变得更不好？
4. 你曾经做了什么试图“改革”教会的事？后来成功吗？为什么你想做的，在神学理论上却行不通？
5. 在过去参与教会的岁月中，你有过不满意、感到不耐烦、气不过、失望或者对教会感到很厌倦的情绪吗？当时你看到什么，使得你产生那样的情绪？现在回想，你觉得当时你没有看到什么，以至于你觉得你那一切的情绪是非常合理的？

Passage: Ephesians 2:11-22

BST coverage: New Society (A single new humanity), pg. 89-112

Compulsory reading for teachers: The portrait of God's new society or what we have now become (pg. 104-110), Conclusion (pg. 110-112)

1. Paul now summarizes the difference that being in Christ has made to his Gentile Readers. What pictures does he use and what is their significance?
2. Paul focuses particularly on the picture of the church as a new temple (2:20-22). What does he say about it? How is what he writes relevant for us today?
3. In your experience, how far does the church live up to what Paul writes about? Discuss practical ways in which you can be part of the solution instead of making things worse.
4. What attempts have you made to “fix” the church? How successful have they been? Why is that theologically inappropriate?
5. When have you been dissatisfied, impatient, angry, dismayed, or disgusted with church? What were you seeing to feel that way? What were you missing out on to feel that way?