

# CHRIST OF CHURCH & COSMOS

*Paul's Letter to the Ephesians*

THE DIVIDING WALL

**WE ARE ON A JOURNEY**

**IT'S A JOURNEY OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**LET'S JOURNEY  
TOGETHER**

That's what this guide is about,  
and if you're serious about  
journeying well, then please,

by all means, read on...

**This guide is designed for groups of people to:**

- 1. Journey together**
- 2. Abide in God's Word**
- 3. Draw closer to God**

**You could use this guide to:**

- 1. Discuss with friends in a home**
- 2. Discuss over a zoom call**
- 3. Discuss as a family devotional**
- 4. The options are endless**

## **Here's how it works:**



**Watch the video**



**Reflect**



**Learn**



**Dream**



**Pray**

*BREAK THE ICE*

# SHARE YOUR HIGHS AND LOWS THIS WEEK.

Give everyone a chance to share a high point as well as a low point from this past week.

What has gone well? What has gone poorly?

Share both joy and sorrow in community with one another.

*REFLECT*

# WHEN HAS SOMEONE BEEN HOSTILE TOWARDS YOU?

And how did it feel?

I'm willing to bet that it did not feel good.

Hostility is unattractive on every level when it  
is directed at you.

The problem is that when hostility is directed  
at someone else, many times it is easier to join  
in than it is to stand up for reconciliation.

*LEARN*

# HOW DOES RECONCILIATION KILL HOSTILITY?

Apart from Christ, we experience two kinds of hostility, vertical and horizontal.

We experience vertical hostility because we are alienated from God by our sin and rebellion. Horizontally, we are alienated from one another, or from other groups of people.

Reconciliation, though, kills the hostility by putting us on even ground.

When we are reconciled to God, it is by His grace, and this allows us to replace hostility with graciousness when we consider those around us.

*DREAM*

# DO YOU NEED TO REPENT OF ANY HOSTILITY IN YOUR LIFE?

Answering this question honestly may take a fair amount of courage and vulnerability.

It is necessary though. We will never see reconciliation where we are holding on to hostility.

Be brave in grace, and name your hostilities to one another. Repent and pray over one another.

Most importantly, as you repent, hear your pardon and forgiveness straight from God. In Christ, our sin is separated from us as far as the East is from the West. This something to be excited about!

## *PRAY*

**PRAY THAT OUR  
CHURCH WOULD  
COMMIT TO THE WORK  
OF RECONCILIATION,  
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Pray that Fort Walton Beach would look a little  
bit more like heaven because of the grace we  
show.

Pray big prayers. Pray humble prayers. Pray  
desperate prayers for unity in our community  
and in our church.