A House Big Enough for Everyone?

## Ephesians 2:11-22

* How much of the daily news is based around people being kept away from something they want (e.g. border fences in Europe, Israel, US)? What are some good reasons to build fences (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)?
* God made fences for Israel (Ex 19:9-13; Lev 20:22-27). Why? Why would he then work so hard to tear the separating fence down (Eph 2:13-14)? Have you ever felt like an outsider? When? How did/does that affect you?
* Why was tearing down that fence not enough? Why was creating a new humanity an indispensable part of God’s process?
* It was hard for the Jewish believers to accept that Gentiles could come to Jesus without converting to Judaism first. Ever since, Gentiles have treated Jews abysmally in the name of Christ for 2000 years. Has God failed (Rom 9:6; 11:17-18, 25-36)?
* Christ died so that Jews & Gentiles could be at peace and be reconciled (Eph 2:15-18). Do you know anyone that you never would have cared about except now as a fellow believer? What kind of new reality has made that possible?
* Paul describes the living temple that we are part of in Eph 2:20-22. Discuss the implications of the organic ever-changing nature of the church that God has made us part of. How should that knowledge shift our priorities in being part of the church?