



## How Can We Finally Learn to Get Along?

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Discussion Guide: Week 9

### Lean In

- What is your favorite song by the Beatles? (Or any 60s, 70s, or 80s group?)

### Look Around

- How does our culture answer the question: How Can We Finally Learn to Get Along?
- What topic/subject/issue has been a point of contention between you and someone close to you?

### Look Down

Read Ephesians 2:11-16 <sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— <sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

- Share a time when you felt unwelcomed. What was it like for you? What did you feel and do? Has that ever happened to you within a church?
- What rationale do Christian insiders sometimes use to exclude people who were or are “separate from Christ, and “far from God?”

### Look In

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

This week’s Big Idea is:

*The church is called to be one, inclusive, multi-cultural Family in Christ.”*

- As a church, what sort of things can we do to help people know that in Christ we are now one united Family in Christ?
- As an individual, what sort of things can YOU do?

### Look Beyond

- What step will you take in your walk with God based on this discussion?