

## Ephesians 2:11-22 - All One in Christ

### **The privilege of being a member of God's people:**

- **Without Christ: excluded** (v11-13)

- **Through Christ: reconciled** (v14-18)

- **In Christ: a new community** (v19-22)

### For further discussion

- What would your friends and neighbours and colleagues mean by "community" and what would their attitude be to the idea of church as a community?
- v11-13: We are used to thinking of the problem between us and God as being to do with our sin. How does Paul put it differently here? Why do we need to understand this today?
- v14-18: Who has been reconciled to whom by Christ's death? What is the connection between being made right with God and being made right with one another? What are the implications for how we relate to each other in the church?
- v19-22: What different images does Paul use for the church in these verses? How are they helpful? In what ways does St John's resemble this description and in what ways does it need to do better? How does this affect your attitude to church?