

DISCUSS

- Our passage begins by talking about no longer being 'foreigners' or 'strangers.' Sometimes when a person is new to faith or a church, they can feel like a 'stranger,' or an outsider. Have you ever felt this way in church? How did you deal with it?
- What are some ways you and your group can help someone new feel like a 'fellow citizen' at Wellspring?
- Jesus came to make a way for us to come 'home' to the Father through faith in him – but it's also true that Jesus came to make his home in us. What's more amazing? Why? Coming home to God or God making his dwelling with us?
- Finding our place in God's household and God's mission can sometimes be challenging. Have each person share a little about their S.H.A.P.E. and discuss how that might fit in serving God's mission in some way at Wellspring.
- Paul calls Jesus Christ the 'cornerstone.' How does this image help us see what we should be about?

APPLY

- Consider taking the S.H.A.P.E assessment to help see how God has made you to fit and be a part of his mission:
www.freeshapetest.com
- Share one spiritual gift you would like to explore or grow.
- Think of one person outside your group connected to Wellspring you could encourage regarding their gifts?

PRAY

- Pray for God to show you your 'place' in his body.
- Pray for a new fire for people to get plugged in to serve.
- Pray for God to give Wellspring's ministry leaders wisdom to help people become equipped and involved to serve.

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Week 5: Devoted to Finding Your Place

Key Text: Ephesians 2:19-22

OPEN

Last week, we looked at being devoted to unity for the sake of spiritual maturity in Ephesians 4. This week we look at how each one of us through Christ has been made a member of God's household, "being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." In a household, every member is important and plays an important role. In God's 'house,' it's the same. Each one of us needs to see ourselves as a 'living stone' as it says in 1 Pet. 2:5, being joined and fitted together for what God is building. The question is, how do we find our place or fit in God's household? One way is by looking at our personal S.H.A.P.E. as a believer (spiritual gifts, heart passion, abilities, personality, experience) and being devoted to serving God's mission in the way God has made or 'shaped' us.

REFLECT

- The context of this passage is God giving everyone belonging in his body (vv.11-18). What groups was Paul referring to? How is this a powerful passage on unity in terms of these groups now being one household?
- In vv. 21-22, it says God is building both a 'temple' and a 'dwelling.' What is the difference between the two?
- What are the 3 things listed that the 'foundation' is built upon and what is the unique place of each for the Church?