

**The uncomfortable people and diversity of Christ's Body**  
**For the week of November 3 – 9**

**Prayer: That we might embrace the discomfort of life in Christ**

**Day 1: Ephesians 2:1 – 22**

Four questions to ponder:

How does Paul make clear the *practical* implications of the grace that is ours in Jesus Christ?

Where are the dividing lines in today's church? Have they changed? How might we work to overcome them?

**Day 2: Galatians 2:1 – 21**

Three questions to ponder:

What does this chapter reveal about church conflict?

Why is Paul so committed to his point of view? This is a gospel issue for him. Why? (see v.15 & 21)

How have you responded to 'different folks' in church?

**Day 3: Isaiah 9:1 – 7, 52:7 – 10, 57:14 – 21,**

Three questions to ponder:

What echoes of these prophecies appear in Ephesians 2?

How is peace understood as Isaiah anticipates Messiah?

Is this how we typically first understand peace?

**Day 4: Micah 5:1 – 5 & Zechariah 9:9 – 17**

Three questions to ponder:

What echoes of these prophecies appear in Ephesians 2?

What does Messiah's rule include?

Is this how we typically understand peace?

**Day 5: 1 Peter 2:4 – 8, Isaiah 28:16 – 19, Psalm 118:19 – 29**

Three questions to ponder:

What is the significance of the cornerstone in these texts?

How often is "our best thought by day or by night" that Jesus Christ is our Chief Cornerstone?

How do we see the Church being called to carry out Jesus' work and build upon Him?

**Further Reflection:** Where might you personally, and us as a congregation, be challenged in embracing the full Body of Christ?