DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY NOTEBOOK • WEEKLY STUDY SHEET

# The Church God Is Building

**Passage:** Ephesians 2:19–22 (CSB)
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2026

10 MIN **Fellowship & Connection:** Check-in & welcomes

40 MIN **Scripture Study:** Discovery & discussion

10 MIN **Prayer:** Needs, praise & commissioning

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE (EPHESIANS 2:19–22 CSB)** — **MEMBERS OF GOD'S HOUSEHOLD**

*"So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit."*

## 1. The Church Is God's Family (v. 19)

OUR IDENTITY

> *"You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household." (CSB)*

- **A. We belong to God:** We are members of His household.
- **B. We belong to one another:** We are fellow citizens and family members.
- **C. We welcome one another:** Our unity in Christ is greater than our differences.

> **Application:** The church is not simply a place we attend; it is a family to which we belong.

## 2. The Church Is Built on God's Foundation (v. 20)

OUR FOUNDATION

> *"Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone." (CSB)*

- **A. Apostles and prophets:** Provide the foundation of revealed truth.
- **B. Cornerstone:** Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of all faith and life.
- **C. God's Word directs:** Scripture governs what we believe and how we live.

> **Application:** The church must build its beliefs, priorities, and ministry on Jesus Christ and the truth of God's Word.

## 3. The Church Is Growing into God's Dwelling Place (vv. 21–22)

OUR PURPOSE

> *"In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit." (CSB)*

- **A. Joined together in Christ (v. 21):** Knit closely into one living temple.
- **B. Growing together in Christ (v. 21):** Maturing spiritually as one body.
- **C. Built together for God's presence (v. 22):** Habitation of God in the Spirit.

> **Application:** God does not intend for believers to live isolated spiritual lives. He joins us together so that we grow in Christ and display His presence to the world.

### CORE IMPLICATIONS — HOW WE RESPOND

| God's Family | God's Foundation | God's Dwelling |
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| If we are God's family, we must love, welcome, and serve one another. | If Christ is our foundation, we must follow His truth in doctrine and practice. | If we are His dwelling, we must live together to display His glory. |

**Heart Examination: "Am I living like a member of God's family, building my life on Christ, and helping His church grow?"**

### DBS REFLECTION & ACTION PLAN

Discover • Obey • Share

**1. What does this passage reveal about God and the Church?**

**2. "I Will" Statement (How will you apply this truth this week?):**

**3. Who can you share this truth or encourage with this week?**

**CLOSING PRAYER (10 MIN):** Lift up family needs, unity among believers, and