

Talk It Over

Renovating the Church

Week #3: A Place of Community

August 31 & September 1



Warm Up Question

How will you/did you spend Labor Day? Can you believe it is the end of summer?

Read

Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:11-22

Discussion Questions

1. What fads have you had in your life? What things have you been very interested in for a season, but are no longer passionate about?
2. Has church ever felt like a fad to you? Have there been times in your life when you have been more passionate about church than others?
3. In the Book of Revelation the Ephesian church is said to have "lost its first love." What do you think this means? What do you think things were like in the church at Ephesus when this statement was made?
4. According to Ephesians 1:22-23, what is the church? How is the church "the fullness of Christ"?

Application

1. In what ways is our relationship to the church like a marriage? Why do people stay in healthy marriages even when the initial passion of the relationship fades?
2. According to Ephesians 2:11-22, how important are relationships to the work God is doing in and through the church? What do you think Paul would say to someone who said their Christianity was a private matter?
3. Based on what we've learned so far in Ephesians, what reasons would you give to explain your regular involvement in the church?

Prayer

Close in prayer about what you have discussed.