

Grace Relations: Us and Them

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1. In what ways have you experienced tension in your relationships? In our culture as a whole?
2. What dividing walls have been established in your life? What groups have you willingly segregated yourself from?
3. How does living in suburbia reinforce our definitions of US and THEM?
4. Read Ephesians 2:11-16. What groups are you maintaining hostilities against? Why is it hard for us to recognize our own feelings of hostility?
5. What do you need to do this week to allow God to rectify the hostility in your life? How can you tear down these walls?
6. Read Revelation 7:9-10. Why does it matter that Heaven will be filled with people from all nations and cultures? How does this compare with your inner defining of "us vs. them"?
7. What is your identity? How do you define yourself in terms of your culture?
8. How does your Christianity impact your perception of your own identity?
9. What do you need to remember about your life prior to Christ? How can this memory change the ways that you extend grace to others?
10. What dividing walls have you allowed to flourish in your heart? What hostility do you need to repent of today?