

HOW GOD FEELS ABOUT THE CHURCH

EPHESIANS 1:3-10, 22-23

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

EPHESIANS 3:8-11, 20-21

EPHESIANS 4:16

EPHESIANS 5:25-27

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Who in this world do you love most passionately and unconditionally? How do you feel when others mistreat him/her? Based on what you learned from the Book of Ephesians on Sunday, do you think it is accurate to say that God loves the church like that? If so, how does that affect your own feelings about the church?
2. Read Ephesians 1:3-10 and Ephesians 3:10-11. How does God's eternal plan to adopt you as His child connect to His eternal plan for the world?
3. Read Ephesians 1:22-23. What are some of the implications of the fact that the church is "the fullness of Jesus"?
4. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. How does the fact that Jesus died to bring you near to God and to other people impact your thinking about church involvement?
5. Read Ephesians 5:25-27. How do you reconcile Christ's commitment to present to Himself a radiant, holy, stainless bride with the obvious shortcomings of the 21st century church? What responsibility do you have to make the church more of what Jesus envisioned when He died for her?