



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of April 13, 2026

1. Think back to a time when you got “...more than you bargained for.” Was it an overflow of presents on Christmas morning? Was it unexpected gifts on your birthday? Was it a free night at a hotel? Was the store having such a great sale that you bought more than one of that special item? Share some stories with the group.
2. Read **Ephesians 2:19-22**. How would you summarize the big idea of this section in your own words. All Christians receive the forgiveness of sins, but what are some additional blessings we receive from Jesus?
3. What is the basic difference between a “Jew” and a “Gentile”? Looking back into Old Testament history, who was the people group that God primarily dealt with? Who received His laws, covenants, and blessings—and which group was considered an “outsider” to God’s blessings? Who bridged the gap between these groups and made them come together? (see Eph. 2:13)
4. Why is the issue of immigration and citizenship such a hot topic right now in the USA? What is the difference between an immigrant/foreigner and a citizen? What does it mean to be a “fellow citizen” of the Kingdom of God? (verse 19) What is the Christian’s home country? (Phil. 3:20)
5. Would you feel more obligated to spend your grocery money on feeding all the children in your neighborhood— or the children inside your own household? Explain your answer. What rights, privileges, or blessings come with being “family”? Whose family do Christians belong to according to verse 19?
6. God is fashioning a mighty “spiritual building” that rises to His eternal glory. Who is the ‘cornerstone’ of this building? (What is a cornerstone?) Who or what makes up the ‘foundation’ of this building? (verse 20)
7. In the Old Testament era, God was near to His people through the Tabernacle, and then the Temple in Jerusalem. Where does God make His dwelling today according to verse 20? (See also John 14:17 and 1 Cor. 6:19).

Close your Life Group with a time of prayer, praising God for all the incredible spiritual blessings that have been granted to you in Jesus. You’re forgiven, yes — but don’t forget all the other profound privileges too! You are **CITIZENS of His Kingdom, FAMILY MEMBERS in His household, and the DWELLING PLACE of His presence.**

*Knowing Jesus isn’t only about what He removes, but what He renews.*