# E PLAN/A

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### We're building an army Not an audience



Ephesians 2 11Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the socalled "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands--

#### Ephesians 2

12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.





# Ephesians 2 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.

Fundamental to human nature is a desire to lift ourselves (or our group) above others.



#### **Ephesians**

15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

# The way that God has treated me should fundamentally effect how I relate to others



#### **Ephesians**

17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

#### **Ephesians**

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

## 1. Why be a part of a church?



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# a. If you want to know Christ you have to be connected to His body



b. If you want God to work powerfully in your life, you have to be a part of the church



# Discipleship happens in relationships



The church is God's plan A!
The church is the means by
which God's Spirit does His
work



1. Why be a part of a church?
2. To what extent and how involved should I be in church?



- Why be a part of a church?
   To what extent and how should I be involved in the church?
  - 3. What is the mission of the church?





# The church is most effective when its members forego personal preferences for the sake of the mission





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## What is our response?

