

# THE CROSS: GOD'S PEOPLE

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**<sup>19</sup>Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.**

— Ephesians 2:19–20 (NIV)



**EVERY NATION**  
SINGAPORE

## PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Thank God for placing you in a community of believers.
- Pray to understand more deeply what it means to be in this community and serve Jesus together.

## MEDITATE

### Engage

 Start the conversation with this question...

Who are the people you hang out with the most?  
Which of your friend groups can you truly confide in?

### Key Points

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- In Christ, we are part of a new community, the Church, that is called to unity and service for God's kingdom.
- We've all struggled to be at peace with others and even ourselves. True peace only comes from God!
- Even in church we experience conflict, but we should be united with one truth: the gospel of Jesus.
- Like parts of one body, God's people have different strengths and responsibilities, but we are all working together.
- Everyone who is in Christ is part of His kingdom and has an important role to play!

## **Discuss Together** *(pick at least one)*

- The Jews and Gentiles never thought they would get along in one church community. What community did you think you couldn't be friends with?
- We experience conflict even in church. How have you experienced and handled this?
- What are some ways you or your church community serve the city? What gifts or talents has God given you that can help others?

## **PROCLAIM**

 Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

## **Key Truth**

In Christ, we are part of a new community, the Church, where we work together and serve God's kingdom.

## **Pray Together** *(pick at least one)*

- Pray to find the community that God is placing you in for fellowship and accountability in walking with Jesus.
- Pray for unity within the church community, even as you have different roles in God's body.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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**<sup>4</sup>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.**

— Romans 12:4–6 (NIV)