

Great In COMMUNITY Ephesians 2:11-22 *Great Relationships* 5-15-16

How does God's idea of community differ from ours?

Pentecost: Celebrates 1 more step as God secures world-wide community

1. GOD SCATTERS COMMUNITY

*** Israel & The Nations**

~ God scatters all who make a name for SELF!

~ Disinherits nations...makes Israel his inheritance **Deut.32:8-9; 4:19-20**
See **Eph.2:11a-12**

*** What Is God's Plan for Community?**

~ Abraham -God's chosen inheritance thru whom to bless all nations!

~ King David → King Jesus suffers to save all peoples **John 11:51b-52**

2. GOD RENEWS COMMUNITY

*** Creating Community by Jesus' Blood**

~ Jesus brings those far away near to God

~ Cross creates new relationship w/ God & w/ each other!

*** Shaping Community with Peace in Christ**

~ **Looks Like:**

a. One new humanity in Jesus ...at peace w/ each other & God!

b. **1:13-14, 2:18** Spirit guarantees our inheritance.

c. Holy place for holy people to share in Jesus!

~ **Acts Like:**

a. Prays for growing Hope **Eph.1:18**

b. Puts hostilities to death.

c. Jesus builds us together! Glimpses:

d. Reach across barriers w/ grace & love in Jesus!