- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) How would you describe peace? What does it mean to have peace?
- 3) Chris mentioned 3 different areas where we need peace. 1) We need peace with God, 2) We need peace with others, and 3) We need peace within ourselves. In which of these areas do you feel like peace most often evades you?
- 4) Read Ephesians 2:11-22 together.
- 5) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 6) How does it affect you to "remember" your situation before you knew Christ (2:11–12)? How are you encouraged by meditating on your new status (vv. 13, 19–22)?
- 7) How does this passage speak of a non-Christian (vv. 12, 17, 19)? What are your reactions to this description?
- 8) How does Jesus reconcile us to God and each other according to this passage?
- 9) Read Philippians 4:7 together. How does this passage (and the previous one) relate to having inner peace? How can we have inner peace?
- 10) Read Luke 2:14 together? Why does Christmas mean peace?
- 11) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

* Some of these questions taken from: Tony Merida, <u>Exalting Jesus in Ephesians</u> (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014), 68.