

Series: Partners in the Journey
Message: *Citizens Called by Christ to Show Jesus*
Text: Ephesians 2:11-22 (AM 1/31/10)

It has been a rewarding month of *celebration and discovery* concerning our church's unique DNA called the Journey. If, however, the Journey process leaves us *captive to the walls* of the church we've only *taken a ride* on a merry-go-round. The centrifugal force of the process should send us out from the *warm fellowship* into the *white fields* that remain ready for harvest. Today, we'll explore the last step in our Journey and call for a *renewed commitment to the process* in 2010. Paul builds a compelling argument in Ephesians 2:11-22 for *every member* to be *on mission* with Christ bringing the Gospel to the Nations.

I. *Before Christ we were Aliens (11-13)*

The people we're called to reach

- Lost without a country – “*Without Christ, being aliens...*”(11-12a)
- Lost without a covenant – “*Strangers from the covenants...*” (12b)
- Lost without communion – “*Having no hope and without God*” (12c)

II. *Because of Christ we have Access (14-18)*

The power we need to complete the call

- He has made our peace – “*He Himself is our peace*” (14a & 15-16)
- He has made us priests – “*Broken down the... wall of separation*” (14b)
- He has made Him present – “*For through Him we... have access*” (18)

III. *Blessed by Christ to be His Ambassadors (19-22)*

The plan we're commissioned to use

- Citizens *encouraged* by His Fellowship – “*Fellow citizens...*” (19)
- Citizens *equipped* by His Foundation – “*Built on the foundation...*” (20)
- Citizens *enlisted* by our Future – “*Being fitted together grows...*”(21-22)

Intentionally Showing Jesus to our world – “*You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*”

Can Jesus count on you to be His witness in 2010? (Look insert)

Our opportunities **Locally (Jerusalem)**

Our opportunities **Regionally (Judea and Samaria)**

Our opportunities **Globally (End of the earth)**

Application to our lives: Will you make a commitment to *Show Jesus* in 2010? Will you make a commitment to be *on the Journey* in 2010? (Look at insert)