

Sermon notes for Growth Groups



Title: A Plot Twist

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Intro questions:

- * What films, books, or TV shows have dramatic plot twists that have surprised you?
- * How do you feel about plot twists? Why are they so enjoyable / frustrating / surprising?

Key passages:

Ephesians 2:11 - 22

Main points to consider:

- * The Gentiles had been excluded from belonging to God's people.
- * In Christ, peace is on offer. Jews and Gentiles alike can have access to God because of Christ's death on the cross.
- * Therefore, all Christians are citizens of God's kingdom, members of his household, and God's holy dwelling place.

Discussion questions:

- * The inclusion of the Gentiles into the people of God is a dramatic plot twist in the story of salvation. How do you think the Jewish Christians would have felt as they came to terms with this shift?
- * Do you trust in your heart that God could be causing plot twists in the story of salvation of your friends, family, or neighbours? Why or why not?
- * Who are the people that you can't imagine turning to Christ? Is your heart open to the possibility of a plot twist for them?
- * Invite the Spirit to grow your trust and imagination for his work.