"Identity and Mission" 1 Peter 2:4–10 May 5, 2024

Who Is Jesus?

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:11–12)

Who Is the Church?

"According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3)

"You shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:5–6)

What Should the Church Do?

"Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

"Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name." (Hebrews 13:15)

Notes			

Discuss

- Do any of you remember the summary sentence of 1 Peter from this and previous sermons? If so, how do you see connecting to 1 Peter 1:1–2:3?
- What is one of the Old Testament citations or references that Peter makes that is particularly helpful to you, that you still have questions about, or that you would like to discuss for another reason?
- What is identity and mission drift, and what might be signs of it in a church?
- What does it mean that the identity and mission of the church flows from the identity and mission of Jesus?
- How can a church not drift but be faithful to its identity and mission?
- What is the significance of realizing that the church is in process of being built, and God is the one constructing her?

Read

Luke 20:9-19; Acts 4:1-31

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will continue building our church to greater faithfulness in identity and mission.
- That the Holy Spirit will protect this and all future generations of our congregation from identity and mission drift.

Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry Gatherings: First and Third Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Men's Breakfast: May 11 at 8:00am