

WHO ARE WE?

Our Ministry and Purpose as a Congregation of Believers

Knowing who we are; list five advantages believers have in joining together.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Now, prioritize these five.

Let's get into God's Word...

Who are we?

1) Ephesians 2:19-22: ¹⁹So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. ²⁰You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10: ⁴As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

- What are we?
- What is the Church?
- The Greek word for Church means literally "called out". What does that say about the Church?
- Evaluate: The Church is not a building.

What does the church "do"?

- 1 Corinthians 1:1,2
- Acts 2:42-47
- What do these passages emphasize the Church does?
- How do we know the Church is present and gathering?
- Why do believers gather together?

Let's consider our work as church...

Try to summarize what the passage says with one or two words.

- Matthew 28:19-20 _____
- 2 Peter 3:18 _____
- Deuteronomy 6:6-9 _____
- 1 Corinthians 1:10 _____
- Luke 15 _____
- John 8:31 _____
- 1 Peter 3:15 _____

- Hebrews 10:23-25 _____
- 2 Timothy 4:2-5 _____
- Galatians 6:10 _____
- Romans 12:1, 4-6a _____

- Take five minutes together as a congregation and list how each of these are being done by and in our church.

- Let's list again five advantages in joining together as believers in Jesus.

- What is our greatest need? (Hebrews 12:2-3)

In Summary

The ministry and purpose of the church in my own words is: _____
