

THE CHURCH

Purpose. People. Passions.

The Church: Its Purpose
Ephesians 2:11-22

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Today we begin a new, 3 part sermon series on the Church. Although we live in a crazy, chaos filled world, God has called us to work together to engage the world with the truth of His Word. Not only is the Church our place of refuge, it is the hope for our lost world.

In God's Word, the church is given a significant purpose. It is the tool that He uses to make known His glorious hope to those on earth. The church is called to proclaim the gospel and make disciples to the glory of God.

LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD . . .

➤ *If our eyes are set on the wrong destination, we will never be on the right path to accomplishing the purpose that God has for us.*

1. The church: _____ of people, not places (v.17).
2. The church: _____ by peace through the cross (v. 18-19).
3. The church: _____ on the cornerstone of Christ (v.20).
4. The church: _____ to give glory to the Father (v. 21-22).

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD . . .

- ✓ *How am I _____ out my calling to be an involved, committed part of the church?*
- ✓ *How is my life characterized by the _____ of Christ that comes through the cross?*
- ✓ *How can I continue to live my life in such a way that brings _____ glory to God the Father?*