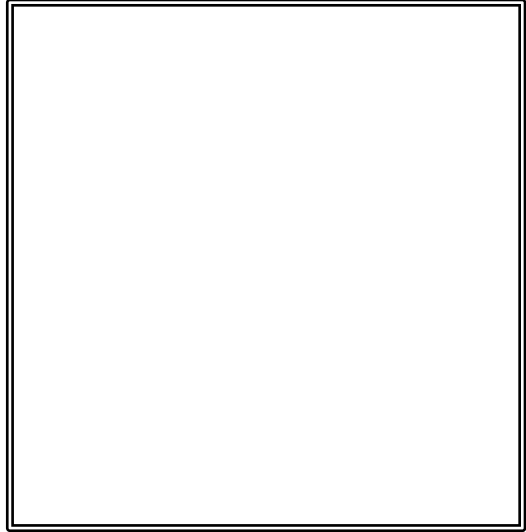




1 Peter 2:9 [NIV]

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Church: (ekklesia) [Greek]
- "called out ones"
- the called out together



Acts 2:42-47 [NIV]

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

We exist to connect people to God, to each other and to their purpose.
(Heritage Church Vision)

**When we detach from the MISSION,
we attach to OURSELVES.**

**Life can be radically different
because of JESUS.**

Where do you need to offer your comfort for His Kingdom?

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) *Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.*
- 2) *Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.*
- 3) *Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.*

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

- :: *Share something God has been teaching/reteaching you in the Ekklesia series.*
 - :: *How has that influenced the way you relate to Him?*
 - :: *How has it impacted the way you relate to His church (his people)?*
- :: *Take a moment to read 1 Peter 2:9.*
 - :: *What do you find most meaningful in what Peter declares? Why?*
 - :: *How evident are the things he identifies in your life?*
 - :: *Why do you think that is? What might hinder, or unleash, your ability to live more fully into the realities & dynamic Peter describes?*
- :: *Pastor Shawn said, “When we detach from the mission, we attach to ourselves.”*
 - :: *Why do you think that is the case?*
 - :: *What are practical implications about this reality for daily life?*
 - :: *What are some reasons/ways we can “detach” from the mission?*
 - :: *What are some tangible ways we can stay rooted(attached) in Jesus?*
- :: *What is one next step the Lord is inviting you to take this week in order to live more fully in his love, purpose and power?*

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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