

CALLED TO BE

Ephesians 2:19-22

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHAT THE CHURCH WAS ALWAYS MEANT TO BE
2. HOW WE BECOME WHAT WE'RE CALLED TO BE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week we looked what the church was always meant to be. What has been your experience with the church? How do your non-Christian friends and family view the church?
3. In Jesus, we are all citizens in God's Kingdom, members of God's family and stones in God's sanctuary. Which of these ideas stands out to you the most and why?
4. In Eph 2:20 we see that in order to become what we are called to be we need to have God's Word as our foundation. This means it is the final authority in our lives. When was the last time that God's word provided clarity for you in a difficult situation? When was the last time you heard/read something in the Bible that was in opposition to your lifestyle? How did you respond?
5. Having the Bible as our plumbline means we can truly be "free thinkers". With the Bible as our authority in life, we are free to question 1) any sermon we hear, 2) our culture, 3) our family, 4) our own hearts. Describe a time when you were able to confront one of these areas with the truth of the Bible? What was the end result?
6. If all we had was the Bible as our foundation then we could very easily end up like the pharisees (educated, judgmental and missing the point). How can we strive to keep Jesus as our focal point? What might change in our specific local church (Severn Covenant Church) if we were more centered on Jesus?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: The church is the only community in the history of mankind based solely on the grace of God.