

THE PATH OF Discipleship

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Discipleship and Community

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1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV):

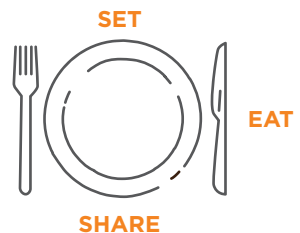
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Ephesians 2:18–22 (ESV):

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Bible Tool

RESPOND



Sermon Notes:

Questions:

1. How would you describe the benefits of belonging to a community?

2. Are you participating in a group? If so, what do you enjoy about your group?
If you were inviting someone to try your group, how would you describe it?

3. Are you a member of a local faith community (church)? How would you describe membership? If you're not a local church member, what's keeping you from taking the next step of identifying with a local community?

4. How has the local church shaped or influenced you?
