

# WE ARE FAMILY

GOD'S PEOPLE. GOD'S MISSION.



Sunday, October 13, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 2: **Called Out & Sent In**

1 Peter 2:9 and Other Scriptures

### **Introduction: A Few Things the Church Is Not...**

1. The Church *is not* **A BUILDING.**
2. The Church *is not* **A SINGLE DENOMINATION.**
3. The Church *is not* **A BUSINESS.**
4. The Church *is not* **A COUNTRY CLUB.**
5. The Church *is not* **FROM A SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY.**
6. The Church *is not* **HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS.**
7. The Church *is not* **YOUR TICKET TO HEAVEN.**

# The Church is God's **FAMILY**

**1 Peter 2:9** — *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,*

**adopted as God's kids** Ephesians 1:5; Galatians 4:4-8

**centered on the Gospel** 1 Corinthians 15:3ff; Mark 1:14-15; Philippians 1:27-30

**that he CALLED OUT of the world TO Jesus,**  
*...a people for his own possession,*

**made new by Jesus – transformed** 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:3-5

*Abide and grow in Christ...*

John 15:4-5

Mark 3:14a

Psalm 67:1

**IDENTITY**

**then SENT INTO the world FOR Jesus.**

*...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*...to GO for Christ!*

John 15:16

Mark 3:14b

Psalm 67:2

**ACTIVITY**

**We are sent** to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



# life **HOMESCHOOL** groups

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

## Getting Started

1. **Getting to Know You:** *What is your family like? Ethnic heritage? Do you have any unique traditions?*
2. Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? What'd you learn? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

## Digging Deeper

3. In this series we're looking at the nature and mission of the Church. Pastor Josh began with a list of things the Church *is not*. Do you ever feel a pull toward viewing the Church in one of those ways? Have you encountered any other false views of the Church to add to the list?
4. Pastor Josh talked about the "local church" (lowercase "c") and the "Universal Church" (capital "C"). What is the difference, and why is it important to make this distinction sometimes when talking about "the Church"?
5. There are many metaphors and images given in Scripture to help us understand the nature of the Church, including that of a family. What are some of the metaphors in the passages below? What do they communicate about the nature of the Church and God's design for it?
  - **2 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Timothy 5:1-2; Matthew 12:49-50; 1 John 3:14-18**
  - **Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Corinthians 11:2**                      – **John 15:5**
  - **Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:15-16; Colossians 2:19**            – **1 Corinthians 3:6-9**
6. **Read Acts 2:42-47.** What do you notice about the description of this early church?
  - a. Have you read the back story? If not, go back and read through all of **Acts Chapter 2**. What happens at the end of Peter's sermon? (**v. 37-41**)
  - b. How does knowing the back story influence your understanding of the description in **v. 42-47**?
  - c. What similarities do you see between this early church and Wawasee Bible? What differences do you notice?
7. When reading a narrative-historical account in the Bible like Acts 2, we must first determine if the passage is **descriptive** or **prescriptive** in its account before we can apply it to our own lives. "**Descriptive**" means the passage simply *describes* what happened. (When a passage is *descriptive*, we look for general principles we can pull out and apply to our own lives.) "**Prescriptive**" means the passage actually *prescribes* what *everyone* should do. (When a passage is *prescriptive* we should do *exactly* what the people in the Biblical text do.)  
— For the record, **Acts 2:42-47 is a DESCRIPTIVE passage.**
  - a. Why is this important to understand when comparing the similarities and differences between this early church and Wawasee Bible (or any other local church)?
  - b. What are some principles from Acts 2:42-47 we should apply to our own context?
8. Close by praying for each other, for our church, and for our community.

# PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2019

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.  
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.*

## Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of The Sanctuary Church in Syracuse.

## Personal Prayer Items

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## Word Find for 1 Peter 2:9-11 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

9 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**.<sup>10</sup>  
**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**.<sup>11</sup> **Beloved**, I **urge**  
 you as **sojourners** and  
**exiles** to **abstain** from the  
**passions** of the **flesh**, which  
**wage** war against your **soul**.

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