



SERMON GUIDE

JULY 31, 2022

CALLED OUT—1 “WHY WE EXIST”



EPHESIANS 2:11-22

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WHY DO WE NEED THE CHURCH?

1 Prayer, reading the Bible, encountering God in nature. These are some examples of good practices that Christians do. If these can all be done outside of “going” to church, why do we need church?

Jesus’ plan was for the Gospel of the Kingdom, introduced through Abraham and his lineage, to be for all people.

Read Ephesians 2:11-22

2 What are some divisions among believers today that try to keep us from being one in Christ?

Images from the Old Testament:

The Church is a structure, a holy temple, and a dwelling place.

Ephesians 2:21-22

God reveals his presence to the World.....

- through tangibly present with Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:8).
- by calling Abram, through all the families of the earth will be blessed (Genesis 12:3).
- by leading the people of Israel through the wilderness (Exodus 13:21-22).
- through the building of the tabernacle- the visible manifestation of God on earth (Exodus 29:45)
- with the Temple-the intersection of heaven on earth (1 Kings 8:10b-11)
- by sending Jesus. Jesus is the “Temple”- God’s Kingdom presence on earth (John 1:14).





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Then came the Church... the Body of Christ. God has chosen us to be His presence. The Church does not exist for our comfort but to make the presence of Jesus visible to the world!

“A Christian without the Church is like a hand without a body.”
We exist TOGETHER, so people will see Jesus, encounter His Kingdom, and be welcomed into His Kingdom with us. “

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If you have surrendered your life to Jesus, in what ways is He calling you to be His presence for others?

NEXT STEPS:



1. If you would like to explore further what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus and to have His peace, His shalom, text “FOLLOW” to 317-707-6462, and we’ll reach out to you.
2. One thing we can do right now to show love and support to our friends at Mary Castle and Sahn Park is write notes of encouragement. If you would like to write a note, we have cards available.