

Sermon Study Guide – February 5th, 2023

Today's Focus: "Be Who You Are"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Who are you as a person? Who are you according to your faith? How do God's Word and your baptism help to address these questions?
- ◆ What does it mean to "be who you are"? Why do we need to be told this as Christians? What gets in the way of us "being who we are"?

2) Today's Message: 1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. Why might it be considered “easy” to be a Christian?
2. How are our lives sometimes at odds with Jesus’ teachings?
3. Describe Peter’s growth as a Christian.
4. How can we be sure we really are Christians and have God’s mercy?
5. *Why* is it important to BE a Christian? (i.e. ACT according to our faith.)
6. *How* can we BE a Christian? (i.e. ACT according to our faith.)
7. Why is God’s law actually a good thing?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: *review* Exodus 19:1-8, Mt. 5:13-20

Thursday: John 21

Tuesday: Matthew 16:13-28

Friday: 1 Peter 1:1-2:8

Wednesday: Matthew 26:31-75

Saturday: 1 Peter 2:9-3:22