

## LESSON 1 — BE THE CHURCH

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### Sharing with Each Other

What has “Church” looked like for you in the past few months?



### Engaging God's Word

Acts 2:42-47 — <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

I Peter 2:9-10 — <sup>9</sup> 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.



### Examining Our Hearts

When you stop resting in your identity as God's by grace, where do you tend to look for your identity?

**Bonus (with me, not with God)** — Where do you tend to look for our church's identity?



### Sharing with Each Other

How does your identity as “God's” impact the way you live Monday through Saturday?

When the Church allows itself to be driven by or focused on something other than God and his glory, what things happen among the members? How have you seen this play out in our church or another you've been a part of?

How could relationships in the church that reach across lines that divide in our culture be a part of dissolving the hatred of our fallen world with the love of Christ? Dream together!



### Talking with God

Pray that God would make Southwood more defined by and delighted in being HIS people.