

## MESSAGE REVIEW

The church is more than just a building. The church is the bride of Christ, a beacon of hope and light and a new way that points to Jesus and eternal life. It's time for us to rally and be the church as God intended, to be one voice that lives out the ways of Jesus, to be the holy nation that shows others the goodness of God, and to be the witnesses for Him that He called us to be. As we grow in our love for Jesus, looking more and more like Him every day, we beautify the bride, causing a watching world to stand up and take notice.

## WARM UP QUESTION

Describe the best or most beautiful wedding you've ever attended.

- 1** **Read John 14:6, Acts 9:1-2, and 22:3-4.** What is the significance of both Jesus saying He is the way and the early church being called the way? Are they the same? How did Jesus usher in a new way to be and to live?
- 2** **Read John 17:14-19.** What specific things stand out to you in Jesus' prayer for His disciples in these verses? What do you think it means for us, the church, to be made holy? How is it happening in your own life? Have you ever experienced hate from the world because of it?
- 3** **Read 1 Peter 2:1-12.** How does Peter give us more specifics on what it looks like to live a holy life in verses 1-3 and 11-12? How do verses 4-10 describe this picture of the church? What words and phrases describe the ultimate purpose of this holy temple (v. 5, 9, 12)?
- 4** What would need to change for your life to point others to the goodness of God? How is the sanctification process more than just behavior modification? How does it start from a place of "tasting the Lord's kindness" and knowing His love for you?
- 5** **Read Romans 12:1-2.** Discuss as a group the three questions Ryan asked us to think about: Do I look more like Jesus, or do I look more like the people around me? What does it look like to be set apart? Where am I failing to live this out?

## RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

**Further Reading:** Share the following resources with group members if they want to go deeper this week.

- [Is It the Church We Despise, Or Is It Sin?](#)
- [God's Will for Your Life Is More Obvious Than You Think](#)
- [The Early Church Thrived Amid Secularism and Shows How We Can Too](#)
- [4 Ways the Modern Church Looks Nothing Like the Early Church](#)

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