# Identity [re]defined

I PETER 2:4-10

### Overview

We shape our identity in a variety of ways within everyday life, and it often is based on what we do. That is not the way that God defines us, though. God shapes our identity based on what he has done for us in Jesus Christ. He made his people what they are, and our identity is completely wrapped up in Christ's work. As a church family, then, let's clarify who we are by looking again at the person and work of Jesus Christ.

### Notes

As the people of God, we are...

Living Verses 4-6

Not dead, but alive!

Honored Verses 7-8

Not ashamed, but valued.

Chosen Verses 9-10

Not destined for wrath, but set apart by God.

## **Personal Application**

As a church family we must recall and live out our identity together.

# **Reflection Questions**

- 1. Brainstorm and list all of the statements related to our identity from the passage. What most grabs your attention?
- 2. Why is Jesus referred to as the cornerstone? How does that truth impact your life?
- 3. How is it different to think about our identity in Christ as a church family rather than only as an individual? How is it similar?
- 4. How does God's mercy to us as a church family impact how you interact with other believers? How does his mercy to us impact how we should interact with those who don't follow Christ?
- 5. What is one key truth you want to be mindful of in the weeks ahead?