

# BIGGER THAN MYSELF

My life is small until I combine it with others' lives to become part of something bigger than myself.

# THE CHURCH IS BEAUTIFUL

## 5 SNAPSHOTS

### 1 GOD'S HOUSE I PETER 2:4-12

As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him — <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.  
*I Peter 2:4-5*

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.  
*I Peter 2:9*

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### 2 -THE A - -THE F - ACTS 2:45-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...  
<sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.  
*Acts 2:42; 46-47*

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### 3 GOD'S PEOPLE I PETER 2:9

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.  
*Ephesians 4:11-15*

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### 4 THE BODY OF CHRIST EPHESIANS 4:16, COLOSSIANS 1:18 I CORINTHIANS 12:12-31, 12:1-8

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.  
*I Corinthians 12:12*

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body.  
*Ephesians 1:22-23a*

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### 5 B MINISTERS OF 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10-6:1 MATTHEW 28:19-20, ACTS 1:8

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.  
*2 Corinthians 5:17-20*

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*Wherever we are on our journey,  
we will take steps to know and become like Jesus.*

## NEXT STEPS