

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### ICEBREAKER

Grab a pen and paper! Make a list of all the states that people in your group have been to. Repeat by making a list of all the countries. What is the most visited state or country?

### QUESTIONS

- Have you participated or thought about going on a local or international mission trip? Share your experience or thoughts.
- Patrick refers to River Pointe and West as a "mission" instead of a "church." What is your view on seeing the church as a mission?

### READ

1 Peter 2:9b

### QUESTIONS

- Placing your faith in Jesus is the beginning of finding your sense of identity. What words describe the identity of Jesus-followers in this verse? ([Chosen](#), [royal priests](#), [holy nation](#), [God's possession](#))
- How do these descriptions shape the way you view yourself?
- This verse first talks about our identity and purpose. What does Jesus say about our purpose? ([To show others the goodness of God](#))

- How would you define "goodness" in this verse? (This could be an act of encouragement, kindness, praying for others, a gift of generosity, etc.)

## READ

John 17:20-21

## QUESTIONS

- Who is Jesus praying for in these verses? (His followers and those who will come to believe in Him through them)
- What does Jesus pray about? (For others to find Him through our goodness, for unity among his followers so the world will believe in Him)
- What effect does Christian unity have on a watching world? (God is living out His redemptive story through us. As followers of Jesus we all have a role to play in this story.)

## READ

Luke 19:7, 10 and Matthew 28:19-20

## QUESTIONS

- How could you personally contribute to unity in your sphere of influence?
- Patrick defined mission as "adaptive, and in motion – it has a goal and is measurable." How does this definition help us become adaptive and in motion to God's mission of providing opportunities for others to have a relationship with Jesus?

## READ

Hebrews 11:1

## QUESTION

- How does faith call us to look forward rather than just looking at the past or even the present?
- What is one practical thing you can do this week to apply what you have learned from this message?

**PRAYER:** Thank you, Lord, for giving us this time to gather. We are grateful that our mission on earth is bigger than ourselves. We ask you to help us love each other in the same ways You love us. In Jesus' Name – Amen.

**LEADERS:** Encourage your group to pray and talk with their families about coming alongside RPC and WE in expanding our mission to reach others and continue living out our

purpose as followers of Jesus. To learn more about the "I Will" initiative visit [rpc.me/iwill](http://rpc.me/iwill) or [westend.me/iwill](http://westend.me/iwill).

Also, Fall Fun is coming to RPC and WE!

- At Richmond, there are 3 weekends of crazy fun on Oct 16, 23, and 30. Volunteer as a group and enjoy the weather! Sign up [HERE](#) or email [Jordan](#).
- At MC, the Not So Scary Costume Party is on Oct 30. Email [Lisette](#) for ways to serve together.
- At WE, the annual Fall Festival is on Oct 29th. Email [Michael](#) and serve as a group!