

BODY LANGUAGE



We Are Called Out

The influence of a culture that is constantly becoming more consumeristic is to apply an individualistic approach to church. In this Lenten series we address the pervasiveness of individuality in the church. This is an opportunity to join the movement of church in unity with each other and with the Spirit.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Circle Time: Is there someone in your life that even though they speak English when you talk to them it's like they're speaking another language?
 - What are some things you do to make sure you understand what they are saying?
 - Does it seem like they understand what you are saying?
 - What has been the affect on the overall relationship? Has it become weaker as you avoid conversation with his person? Or has it become stronger as a result of you both seeking to understand each other?
- Pastor Dave taught us that the word, "church", is a word that has undergone multiple definitions throughout history and even now means something different to different people. How would you define church?
 - What are some other definitions that people have for the word, church?
 - How did we end up with so many different understandings of what that word means?
- The original Greek word for "Church" was *Ecclesia*. It means "The called out ones".
 - What does it mean to be called out?
 - In the Old Testament God instructs the Israelites that they are to be a holy nation. The Hebrew word for holy is *kodesh*. It means "to be set apart for a specific purpose". It seems that the idea of being holy and the idea of being church are linked. How does this help shape your understanding of church?
 - What makes it hard to live a "called out" life?
- Pastor Dave taught us that when God calls you out He is also calling you IN! What are some ares that God calls His people out of operating like the rest of the world? What does He call us into?
- Pastor Dave gave us 3 truths about this. Provide specific examples for each one.
 - He calls us out of disharmony and He calls us into unity.
 - He calls us out of despair and He calls us into hope.
 - He calls us out of defeat and into victory.