

Pastor's Corner

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Welcome home Costa Rica mission team! It was great to see the team Sunday and hear about all they were able to accomplish. I could see the glow on their faces even before they spoke their first words. I am thankful that we as a church are able to send teams out into the world to share the love of Christ; and I am thankful that we are willing to be about ministry here in our own backyard.

1 Peter 2:9, declares, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of the darkness into his marvelous light."

We may not see ourselves as being a priest, a chosen race, or a holy nation, and upon a closer look our lives, do not often reflect Christ; but when we claim Christ as our Lord, we are "set apart," and the world sees us very differently than perhaps we see ourselves. The question is not "How do I look?" as I gaze in the mirror, but how do I look in God's sight.

This is why it is vital for us to be in ministry throughout the world, so that others may see that Christ is the light within our lives. As we examine the Scriptures, we see that Christ's entire ministry was about missions. He taught, healed, fed the hungry, cared for those who were dying, and was willing to sacrifice it all—even his very life—for the world.

It is vital to the life of the church to share in various ministries. Not all of us can teach Sunday school, or sing in the choir or praise band; but we all can and do have a part to play in the kingdom of God. This is why we have a variety of ministries, so that we all can share of our gifts and talents. No ministry is better than any other—and all should be done to the glory of God.

So what do you enjoy doing? Where do you feel God leading you? Do you want to build a Habitat home? Do you want to provide or deliver meals to people in the community? Would you like to sit and visit someone? Do you feel led to serve on a particular committee? What is on your mind? Everyone does not have to do everything, yet, as we tell those who travel on mission trips with us, there is something for everyone to do. In God's kingdom there is something for everyone.

God Bless you, Eric

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