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Identity!!
Life in the Church
1 Peter 4:7-10

Intro: What do you like best about the church? If we are connected to Christ, we also are connected to other believers. Scripture describes the church in several ways: the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, and the family of God. All of these phrases convey a key truth about the church – we need to work together! Considering the brevity of our time, Peter identified four way that believers can serve one another, and therefore strengthen the Church!!

“I love and serve Christ when I love and serve His body, the Church”

- 1. The Church is Concerned:** **vs 7**
 - a. We must be careful and ready 1 Peter 5:8
 - b. We must be prayerful and passionate

- 2. The Church is a Covering:** **vs 8**
 - a. We must prioritize our Love! Matthew 22:37-39
 - b. We must prove our Love to each other! John 13:34-35

- 3. The Church is Compassionate:** **vs 9**
 - a. Be ready to resolve conflict Luke 17:3-4
 - b. Serve with a smile! (Your attitude matters!)

Whether you've been a Christian for years, or a recent convert, you have a vital connection to your church!

How will you love and serve Christ through His church this week?

- **Pray** – Make a commitment to pray each day. Pray for your church and those who lead it. Serve them by praying for them!

- **Practice Hospitality** – Identify one way (or even more ways!) you can show more love and kindness to the people in your home, church, work, and community.