

**Looking Back:** 1 Peter 2:2-8

Who we are is shaped by a number of different variables. Peter is reminding a group of Christians that have been exiled, demoralized, and labeled as “freaks” of their true identity.

Peter first uses the metaphor of spiritual milk. 1 Peter 2:2 says, “Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

1. What is spiritual milk?
2. Have you tasted that the Lord is good? How so?

**Digging Deeper:**

Peter then switches metaphors in 1 Peter 2: 4-5, “As you come to him, the living Stone-rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him- you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...” Peter says we are living stones that are part of a building, God’s temple/church. Here we see our identity as a community of believers. Pastor Dale mentioned this is where we, as a community, become the intersection between God and those that don’t know Him yet.

3. How are you representing God’s temple/church to those that don’t know God?
4. What can you do to improve your representation?

**Taking It Home:**

Label vs. Identity:

A label is something you put on the outside. You can wear it, take it off, or even change it.

An identity is who or what a person is all about. Often times, we can put our identity in other things.

Examples: “I’m a mom.” “I’m a cyclist.” “I’m a teacher.”

5. What do you put your identity in?
6. What have you done to identify with God?