

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: We Believe

Sermon : God Chooses and Sends

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Reflection Questions:

1. What do the four descriptions in 1 Peter 2:9, “chosen race,” “royal priesthood,” “holy nation,” and “a people for his own possession,” reveal about who God has made us to be together as His people?
2. Peter says we are God’s people **“that you may proclaim the excellencies”** of God. In what ways do you proclaim the excellencies of God in your own life? What could you do this week to proclaim God’s excellencies?
3. What does it mean personally that God has **“called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”**? Where can you see evidence of that movement from darkness to light in your own life?
4. Peter describes Christians as **“sojourners and exiles”** whose desires still “wage war” against their souls. What desires are presently competing with your identity and calling as someone who belongs to God?
5. According to verse 12, our conduct should be such that others **“see your good deeds and glorify God.”** If someone watched the ordinary patterns of your life this week, what might they learn about the God you belong to?

Guided Prayer:

Pray through each of the four things listed in 1 Peter 2:9 and ask God in what ways you are living like each and in what new ways He may want you to live into your identity in Him. Read the whole passage slowly praying and asking God to show you what He would want you to know from His Word.

- Jim