

The Message Gathering

Sacred Service Part 5 - Royal Priests

Review:

Session 1 - Every Soul Saved By God's Grace Is A . . .
Member Of His House And A Minister In His Kingdom.

Session 2 - Every Believer Saved By God's Grace Is A . . .
Servant Enabled To Serve God's Purpose In Their Everyday Life.

Session 3 - Son Servant - Every Child Saved By God's Grace Is . . .
Called By God To Be Both A Son And A Servant

Session 4 - Every Individual Saved By God's Grace Is . . .
Called To Live As An Ambassador For God.

Session 5 - Son Servants Are To Serve God As Royal Priests.

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 (NIV)

As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--
⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that
you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰
Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received
mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Let's Look At The Words That Stand Out:

v 4-5:

- Living Stone - Jesus!
- Chosen
- You - ALSO - Like Living Stones!
- Being Built

- Spiritual House
- To Be A Holy Priesthood

v 9-10:

- Chosen People, Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation
- People Belonging To God - Sacred!
- That You May Declare His Praises
- Who Called You Out Of Darkness Into Marvelous Light
- Not A People / Now A People
- Not Received Mercy / Now Received Mercy!

**Grace Is God Giving You What You Do Not Deserve,
Mercy Is God Not Giving You What You Do Deserve!!**

Priest Defined:

Standing With One Hand In The Hand Of God And The Other Hand
In The Hand Of Someone Who Needs God.

The Five Realities Of A Royal Priest:

- 1. Continual Connection - They Live WITH God!**
- 2. Continued Spiritual Growth - They Grow Spiritually Each Day!**
- 3. Answer His Call - They Say Not My Will, But Thine Be Done!**
- 4. Standing In The Gap - They Live In The World, Not For The World!**
- 5. Serving At The Altar - Empowered By God's Mercy and Grace
They Teach Salvation, Sanctification and Service!**

Today's Truth Statement:

Every Christian Saved By God's Grace Is . . .
Called To Become A Royal Priest To Their World

Questions:

- Today, What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- Share Your Thoughts On The Difference Between Mercy And Grace And What That Means To You Personally.
- Before Today, What Did You Think It Meant To Be A Priest?
- As A Group, Discuss The Impact Of Being Chosen To Be A Royal Priest On Your Daily Life.
- On A Scale Of 1-10 (1 Being A Dead Pebble And 10 Being A Living Stone) Where Do You Find Yourself; A Dead Pebble, Or A Living Stone?
- What Do You Think The Difference Is Between Living With God As Opposed To Living For God?
- How Are You Doing Personally Living In The World, But Not For The World?
- Have You Ever Pondered What Your Personal Spiritual Calling Is From The Lord? Have You Ever Spent Time In Prayer Asking Him To Show You?
- What Steps Can You Take This Week To Ensure You Will Live As A Royal Priest?