



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Worship Theme: You Are...So Be Sermon Theme: God's tall order February 4-6, 2023

I Peter 2:9-12 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, 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. ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

1. The Apostle Peter is all in all the time and wears his heart on his sleeve. When is it hard for you to mask the way you feel about something or someone?
Consider the times Peter rushed to confess Jesus, cut off a man's ear, or leap out of a boat to swim and meet him. Peter reacted big! About what are you passionate? What really grinds your gears?
2. Who likes to be lonely? Isolated? Starved of human connection?? No one! Read **I Peter 2:4-6** and explain how God unites believers together and what that means for us as individuals and a group.

3. What was the main job of a priest in the Old Testament? What did Jesus serve as the ultimate priest? How do you serve as a priest right now?
4. What does the word "holy" mean? What illustrations does the Bible use to show how God has made you holy?
5. Why is it pure comfort to know you are God's treasured possession?
6. Why do you praise God? What praiseworthy things has the Lord done that you can't wait to tell people?
7. Why does Peter call his readers "dear friends" when telling them to fight against the temptations which fight against them in **2:11**?
8. Why do you think it is that many people feel both burned out on church and burned by the Church? What's remedy does the church have
9. What does it look like for you to live a life so pure and loving and kind and helpful that should a person grow suspicious of you because you're so excellent and investigate you looking for dirt, they'll only turn up more reason to praise God? Why must we be so sensitive to live this way?
10. Where do you find pure gospel comfort in **I Peter 2:9-12** as you think about being God's person doing the work he'd have you do until he gives you rest in heaven?