

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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Priesthood of All Believers (1 Pet 2:9, Heb 10:19-22, and Eph 1:7-10)

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This is the start of a new sermon series on PRIESTHOOD that'll last 4 or 5 more weeks walking through a special doctrine on how the Bible defines a priest, a priest's purpose, their duty, and their privilege.

We'll look at this doctrine through the lens of the Bible's narrative of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration, but this week was simply the general introduction. So let's start there.

Questions:

1. Reading through the three passages above, can you come up with a good working definition of the believer's role as a royal priesthood? To help, answer the following:
 - a. What do we participate in and with whom do we participate?
 - b. What does the tearing of the curtain mean?
 - c. What is our responsibility?
 - d. What has God done?
 - e. What is he planning to do?
2. Get the kids involved: On Sunday the Ridge Kids learned about Solomon building the temple. Ask if a church building is the only place we can worship God? *If they clearly know the answer is no, try to get the kids to think of the reason why it's not true. As needed, these questions may help prompt them:*
 - a. *What physically separated God's presence from his people in the temple?*
 - b. *What happened to the curtain once Christ gave his life for the forgiveness of sins?*
 - c. *Now, what do believers get for repenting of their sin and declaring Christ as Lord?*
 - d. *God is spirit and we must worship him in spirit and truth (Jhn 4:23-24)*

Reflection on the main point of the sermon series: Every Christian has been spiritually privileged and has a moral responsibility to participate in God's presence and God's work through their personal and corporate vocations as priests.

3. Are you drawing near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith (Heb 10:22)?
4. We are all part of a "You are HERE" moment, meaning God has placed us in this moment in time, in this country, state, community for a reason. Are you participating in his purpose (Eph 1:10)?

5. Is Christ your spiritual head? Where do you fall short in carrying out your priestly duties of being an ambassador for Christ? Pray in small groups or as a whole CG over these areas.