

## OMNIGROUP LESSON NOTES

### Our Kingdom Connection Part 2

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## WELCOME

## PRAYER

## SHARE

**Read:** 1 Peter 2:9-12 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> But 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. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep 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.

### Discussion:

#### 1. Believers

- **Identity in Christ:** First and foremost, we are identified as believers. This foundational identity underpins all other characteristics. It's a reminder that our relationship with God is based on faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Application:** It is important to faithfully use faith in our daily decisions. Share how your belief in Jesus impacts your life on a daily basis.

#### 2. Chosen Race

- **Divine Selection:** Peter tells us we are a "chosen race," indicating God's sovereign choice in making us His people. This selection is not based on merit but on His grace.
- **Application:** Reflect on the grace of being chosen by God. Discuss how this identity can foster a sense of belonging and purpose among believers.

#### 3. King/Priest Identity

- **Royal Priesthood:** As a "royal priesthood," we have direct access to God and the privilege to serve Him. This dual role signifies both dignity and duty.
- **Application:** How does knowing this impact you?

#### 4. God's People

- **A New Identity:** Once we were not a people, but now we are "God's people." This transformation highlights the mercy and love of God in bringing us into His family.
- **Application:** Share testimonies of how becoming a part of God's people has changed impacted your life.

#### 5. Personification of God's Excellence

- **Living Testimonies:** We are called to "proclaim the excellencies" of God. Our lives are to reflect the character and goodness of God to the world.
- **Application:** Identify specific ways to demonstrate God's excellence in daily life.

#### 6. Sojourners and Exiles

- **Temporary Residents:** Our identity as "sojourners and exiles" reminds us that this world is not our ultimate home. We are to live with an eternal perspective, prioritizing God's kingdom values.
- **Application:** Discuss how this identity impacts priorities and decisions.

#### 7. Proclaimers (Praise declaring the transfer of citizenship)

- **Ambassadors for Christ:** Our calling is to be proclaimers, declaring the change in our citizenship from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.
- **Application:** Brainstorm practical ways to share the gospel and personal stories of transformation.

### Prayer Requests / Praise Reports

### REMEMBER TO TAKE ATTENDANCE

### CARE: Follow-up during the week