

DISCUSSION GUIDE



"The Priesthood"
The Monterey Way, Part 5
Pastor Bryan James
December 3, 2023

WELCOME *Meet at the front of Sanctuary for Welcome & Prayer, Worship, and Sermon Synopsis.*

WORSHIP *"It Is Well"*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zY5o9mP22V0>

WORD [1Peter 2:9](#); [1Peter 3:15-16](#); [Matthew 5:13-16](#); [Isaiah 2:2-5](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
2. **Read 1 Peter 2:9 and 1 Peter 3:15-16.** How do these passages inform us of who we are (as 'priests'), what we do, how we do it, and why we do it?
3. **"Minister" and "Priest"**. Pastor Bryan highlighted these important terms for our Body to understand about our calling. Compare the two by discussing the *who*, *what*, *how*, and *why* of each call.
4. **Read Matthew 5:13.** Discuss what it means to be salt of the earth. Share in your area of influence, how are you salt?
 - o What is the consequence of losing our saltiness?
5. **Read Matthew 5:14-16.** Discuss what it means to be the light of the world? Share in your area of influence, how are you a light (or an ambassador) for Christ?
6. **Read Isaiah 2:2-5.** Share what part uniquely spoke to you in this section of the message. Why did it stand out?
7. How is God personally speaking to you after hearing the message? What can you do to respond faithfully? Share if you desire.

WITNESS *Sharing our testimonies.* This week, continue to reflect on and apply 1 Peter 2:9 on 1 Peter 3:15-16 to your life.

Think about (and even record) the ways that God has worked in your life. Spend quiet time giving him thanks and praise for what he has done; these are your personal stories and are testimonies of God's goodness.

Then, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to opportunities to share these stories, so that you may declare His praises and give reason for the hope you have.