



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 24/25 SERMON

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1. Icebreaker: With the warmer temperatures this past week and next week we enter March, what are you most excited about as Spring is just around the corner?
2. To kick off this week, read [Ezra 8:15-20](#). What can we learn from Ezra in this passage, that he was unwilling to continue the journey to Jerusalem before he first secured the necessary Levites and temple servants to assist with temple worship?
3. We connected this week's passage, to how God describes us under the New Covenant in Christ, as the "holy priesthood" and "royal priesthood" of God.

Read [1 Peter 2:1-10](#), [Ephesians 1:3-5,7](#), and [John 15:16](#)

We said this weekend:

As God's royal priesthood, in Christ, we are CHOSEN.
and
As God's royal priesthood, in Christ, we are FORGIVEN.

What goes through your mind that as a believer in Jesus Christ, first and foremost, God chose you; and that you are eternally forgiven in Christ, your past/present/future sins are covered by the blood of Christ?

4. Read [1 Peter 2:9-10](#), [John 1:12](#), [Ephesians 2:19](#)

We said this weekend:

As God's royal priesthood, in Christ, we are FAMILY.

How amazing that God's Word says, as His royal priesthood, we belong to Him! In what ways does the body of Christ function as the family of God? Or more importantly, how *should* we function as the family of God?

5. Read [Philippians 3:9](#) and [1 Peter 1:15-16](#). We said this weekend:

As God's royal priesthood, in Christ, we are declared RIGHTEOUS
and called to HOLINESS.

How would you explain to someone what it means that a believer is declared righteous by God through faith?

How should our position of being declared righteous in Christ, impact our pursuit of holiness, to be like Christ?

6. Read [Romans 12:1](#), [1 Peter 4:10](#) and [2 Corinthians 9:7](#). We said this weekend just as the priests and Levites were servants to God, stewards of every aspect of His temple, today:

As God's royal priesthood, in Christ, we are called to be
SERVANTS and STEWARDS.

How can a believer view every aspect of their life as a living sacrifice to God, and work towards being a good steward of everything God has given them?

Are you currently serving in Christ's church? If not, what's holding you back?