

"EMBASSY ORGANIZED"

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I. The Order

- A. The priesthood gathered
- B. The principles (doctrines) secured
- C. The prideful disciplined

II. The Offices

- A. The pastors leading (eldership)
- B. The partners helping (deaconate)
- C. The people serving (membership)

III. The Ordinances

- A. The word declared
- B. The word displayed
- C. The word delighted
- D. The word discipled
- E. The word distributed

IV. The Outcomes

A. The priorities

B. The pastors

C. The passing

D. The passion

Transformed by the Truth: Questions for Personal and Group Reflection on the Sunday Sermon and Scripture

Icebreaker: Today was the last installment of our series exploring the biblical language of ambassadorship and the related imagery of embassy. Share together how this series has impacted you.

- **1.** In this final message, we reflected on the priesthood role of ambassadors. Please read this short article on our priesthood and discuss its implications for our lives together as a church/embassy https://www.gotquestions.org/royal-priesthood.html
- 2. The sermon on Sunday emphasized the importance of preaching in the church. Have you ever thought about God as a preacher? You know, the Bible opens with God speaking and by His speech creating the world. As we continue through the Bible, we see God speaking. He is quite the preacher. God sends prophets, reveals himself, raises up preachers and come Himself as a human in the incarnation of the Son of God. How does this picture of God as a relentless preacher grab you? Read Luke 13:34 and discuss God's constant heart to reveal Himself and redeem those who reject Him. Discuss the grace of God in His revelation and in biblical preaching. How does it feed your soul?
- **3.** This Sunday was Reformation Sunday. The ordinances we discussed on Sunday and the royal priesthood of all believers, as well as the pastorate were all very huge in the Reformation. Discuss the importance of the Protestant Reformation and why it still matters today. For help see https://bible.org/seriespage/1-reformation-sunday-why-reformation-matters-various-scriptures
- **4.** What were your take-aways from Sunday's sermon and in what ways were you challenged or confronted? Discuss.
- **5.** This month was Pastor Appreciation month. That said, please pray for your pastors and faithful pastors laboring in Los Angeles for our embassy here. As well, pray for our royal priesthood at DRC.