

Energized for Mission - A Kingdom of Priests

Acts 6:1-15; 1 Peter 2:4-9

The story of Dunkirk shows us that even the most _____ militaries in the world are no match for an "ALL HANDS ON DECK" effort that mobilizes every able bodied person and every possible resource.

In Acts 6 we see that the mission of God advances most effectively when _____ is incorporated and mobilized to cover every last important _____.

Up until now, the threats to the Church have primarily been _____. In Acts 5, there was the internal threat of self-righteousness at work in the heart. In Acts 6 we see the way mismanagement of resources can cause hurt feelings and lead to _____ within the Body of Christ.

The Apostles were quite busy. The Church was _____! They couldn't _____ the ministry of the Word and prayer. It's what's at the heart of God's mission! But that didn't mean the distribution of food was unimportant. Like _____ and Nehemiah, the work needed to be spread out among God's people.

Thankfully, God planned for that when he sent Jesus and the Holy Spirit, creating a kingdom of _____.

Priest is actually a very specific term for a very specific role in many religious systems. A priest is a _____, a "go between." Priests _____ the people and are the only ones allowed to approach God/a god on their behalf. A priest is also someone that represents God/a god to the people.

In Christ, we are all _____ members of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-31) and we can ALL boldly approach God's _____. (Hebrews 4:14-16) In Christ, we are all _____ of the Gospel and _____ of what we have seen and heard. (2 Corinthians 5:20) What does all this mean?

Every member of the Body of Christ has an _____ role no matter how exciting/unexciting it may appear. Every member of the Body of Christ can _____ God in prayer for themselves or others. Every member of the Body of Christ is called to point others to and connect others to _____. The Church still needs _____...and "all hands on deck" to move mission and ministry forward. Because when we ALL participate the mission _____.

How is the Holy Spirit revealing the skills, abilities, and roles you could play in his mission? _____

How is the Holy Spirit helping you see the importance of the variety of roles needed for God's mission? _____

How is the Holy Spirit showing you the people he has placed around you in need of the Good News of Jesus Christ? _____

How is the Holy Spirit guiding you to find ways to share that Good News? _____

What are you going to DO about it? _____