

1 Peter 2:9-10

CG Discussion Guide// Week of September 11, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

- Icebreaker: What is your favorite autumn tradition and why?
- Take some time to pray for one another's needs and requests (refer to Prayer Guide as needed)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- V. 9a: Who is Peter talking about? (check 1 Pt. 2:1-8 for help!) Look at the terms Peter uses to describe this people.
 - "Chosen race": Who chose them? What does the singular form of "race" imply about this group?
 - "Royal priesthood": What does "royal" connote about this people? What are priesthood responsibilities?
 - Putting royalty and priesthood together: what is this people supposed to look like and act?
 - "Holy nation" and a "people for His own possession": Check Deuteronomy 7:6-9, and describe the parallels between the people in Deuteronomy and the ones in 1 Peter 2. What sticks out to you?
- V. 9b-10: What is the central purpose of this chosen race? Why should this people do such a thing?
 - What does it mean that He "called them out of darkness into His marvelous light"? (refer to v. 10)
 - Speaking of a "no-people with no-mercy" into a distinct people who have received mercy, check out Hosea 1:9-10, 2:23; and Rom. 9:25. What are the parallels you see between Hosea and Romans and 1 Peter? What sticks out to you?
 - How does this merit "proclaiming His excellencies"?
 - What would it look to proclaim His excellencies judging from how Peter describes the "chosen race" in their role and what was done for them?

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

The Bible promises that anything we ask for in Jesus' name – that is according to His will – shall be granted to us (John 14:13-14). In view of this great promise, the prayer requests are all grounded in Scripture. When we pray Scripture, we can be certain that we are praying according to God's will.

That does not mean God will grant our requests in our preferred time or according to our frail wisdom; but it does mean that we can pray confidently knowing that God delights to answer these requests, for they are His words.

Use the accompanying Scripture verses to shape and inform your prayers.

PRAY FOR YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY:

- That your daily life will bring honor to the name of Jesus – (2 Thess. 1:11-12)
- That you will cast all of your anxieties on God – (1 Peter 5:6-7)
- That you will consider your trials as an opportunity for joy – (James 1:2-4)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

- That the power of Christ will rest on our church and ministries [Worship Gathering, Community Groups, Men/Women, Youth, Children, etc.] – (2 Cor. 12:9-10)
- That God will give us the wisdom and faith that we desperately need to continue in faithful mission – (James 1:5-8)
- That God will make us fruitful in ministry – (John 15:1-2) – and bold in witness – (Eph. 6:18-20)

PRAY FOR OUR CITY:

- That God will give wisdom to our government (local, state, and national) that we may lead peaceful, godly lives – (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- That the Lord will continue to provide open doors of gospel ministry in IU and the Bloomington community – (1 Corinthians 16:9)
- That the work of God will be displayed in the lives of the members of our sister churches – (John 9:3)

PRAY FOR OUR WORLD:

- That the persecuted church will find fellowship with Jesus as they share in his sufferings – (Philippians 3:10-11)
- That the Lord of the harvest will send out more workers to unreached people groups because they have been gripped by Paul's missionary logic in Romans 10:13-17 – (Matthew 9:37-38)
- That Christ will return bringing the fullness of salvation with him – (Revelation 22:20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- September 18: Redeemer-in-10
- October 1: Membership Class
- October 5: Redeemer Men
- October 8: “How to Study the Bible” Workshop
- October 21: 15th Annual Chili Supper @ the Joneses

Reminder: All events are listed in the Events tab in our Redeemer app. You can RSVP for specific events by going to the Events tab, clicking on an event, and following the link to register.