

SESSION 7

Gathered as a Royal Priesthood

TRUTH: *What is God saying?*

Multiple times in the New Testament, believers in the church are all called priests. Donnie says this means “every disciple is called into full time ministry!” How is that different from the way most Christians think about themselves?

In the Old Testament, priests acted as mediators between the people and God. If all believers are priests, what does that say about every believers access to God?

EQUIPPING: *How do we live this out?*

Read Ephesians 4:11-12. What is the role of the leaders of the church? What is the role of the members of the church (the saints)?

If the church is a kingdom of priests, that means it is not a group of spectators watching a minister do ministry. The church is a body of ministers ministering to one another and to the world, led by Jesus the great high priest! What kinds of ministry should every single believer engage in?



ACCOUNTABILITY: *How am I personally doing in this area?*

In what specific ways do you believe God has called you to do ministry (based on your talents, your season of life, your career, or your current relationships)?

Donnie discussed the temptation of trying to “be the savior” instead of pointing people to the savior. Which temptation are you more prone to fall into: the temptation of “being the savior,” or the temptation of sitting on the sidelines and leaving ministry to full time leaders?

MISSION: *Going out with the Gospel*

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. The priesthood of all believers is meant to be a group of people helping the world be reconciled to God. Is this something you are engaged in, and if not, why not?

SUPPLICATION: *Praying for what only God can do*

Ask God to help you embrace your calling as a priest in his kingdom, not just as a spectator. Ask that you would grow in the ways He has gifted you for ministry in both the church and in the world.