

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on "You Matter" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Day 1: You Are Chosen

Reading: 1 Peter 2:9 : Peter declares that believers are a chosen race, set apart by God with purpose and belonging.

Devotional: Before the world was formed, God chose you. Not because of your accomplishments, your appearance, or your record, but because of his sovereign love. The enemy wants you to believe you are accidental, ordinary, and overlooked. Scripture contradicts that lie entirely. Being chosen by God means you are loved, wanted, and needed. Many people carry wounds from moments of rejection, being the last picked, the first dismissed. But God never operates that way. He does not reluctantly accept you. He deliberately chose you. Begin today by rejecting every voice that calls you ordinary, and receive the identity God has already declared over you.

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life have you been living as though you were accidentally here rather than intentionally chosen?

Practical Application: Write down three specific qualities God placed in you that no one else possesses. Thank him for the intentionality with which he made you.

Day 2: You Are Royal

Reading: Romans 8:17: Paul describes believers as heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, sharing in an inheritance that cannot be earned.

Devotional: Royalty is not something you achieve, it is something you are born into. When you placed your faith in Christ, you were adopted into the family of the King. That means your identity is no longer defined by your failures, your past decisions, or the opinions of others. Royal people do not live striving for approval because they already live from acceptance. The tragedy is that most

believers know this truth intellectually but continue living as commoners, chasing the validation of people who have no authority to define them. You already belong. You already have an inheritance. Stop performing for a crown you are already wearing.

Reflection Question: Where in your daily life are you seeking human approval rather than resting in the acceptance God has already given you?

Practical Application: Identify one relationship or situation where you consistently seek approval. Consciously choose today to act from your God-given identity rather than the need for that person's validation.

Day 3: You Are a Priest With a Purpose

Reading: Ephesians 2:10: Paul writes that believers are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared in advance for them to walk in.

Devotional: In the Old Testament, only one tribe could serve as priests, and only one man could enter the presence of God on behalf of the people. Christ changed everything. The veil was torn. Now every believer carries the priestly calling, to represent God to the people around them and to help bring people closer to God. You were not only saved from something; you were saved for something. The good works God prepared for you are not burdensome obligations, they are the very path where you will find the deepest fulfillment of your life. The question is not whether God has a purpose for you. The question is whether you will choose to walk in it.

Reflection Question: Are you currently living as someone who was saved only from sin, or as someone who is also saved for a specific kingdom purpose?

Practical Application: Spend fifteen minutes this week asking God to show you one specific "good work" he has prepared for your current season of life. Write it down and take one concrete step toward it.

Day 4: Your Story Is Your Proclamation

Reading: Matthew 5:16: Jesus instructs his followers to let their light shine before others so that their good works point people toward the Father.

Devotional: Your testimony is not something to be ashamed of, it is your most powerful tool of proclamation. Whether you grew up in a Christian home or came to faith through years of darkness and hard living, your story uniquely declares the grace of God in a way no one else can replicate. God did not save you quietly so you could keep it to yourself. He called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light so that the contrast would be visible to everyone around you. The world is full of influencers pointing people toward temporary things. You have been commissioned to point people toward something eternal. Your life is the sermon many people will never hear from a pulpit.

Reflection Question: Are you currently living in a way that makes the grace of God visible to the people in your everyday life, your workplace, your neighborhood, your school?

Practical Application: Share a brief portion of your testimony with one person this week, not to preach at them, but simply to let them see what God has done in your life.

Day 5: Stop Waiting - You Are Sent

Reading: 1 Peter 2:10: Peter reminds believers that they were once without identity and without mercy, but now they are God's people who have received mercy.

Devotional: The most dangerous posture a believer can take is waiting for someone else to make a difference. Verse 10 is the gospel in miniature, you were not a people, and now you are. You had no mercy, and now you do. That transformation was not given to you so you could sit comfortably in it. It was given to you so you could go. Every student carries the potential to change another student. Every retiree carries wisdom that the next generation desperately needs. Every employee has a mission field at their desk. The church does not move forward when one person does everything, it moves forward when every priest does something. You are chosen, royal, and sent. Go.

Reflection Question: What is one sphere of influence in your life, family, workplace, school, neighborhood. Where you have been waiting for someone else to step in, when God may be calling you specifically?

Practical Application: Before this week ends, take one intentional action in that sphere of influence. Pray for one person by name, have one honest conversation, or serve one need you have been aware of but have not yet addressed.

Reflection Questions:

Mickey opens with the statement 'Until you know who you are, you will never fully understand why you are here'. In what ways has a misunderstanding of your identity kept you from living out your God-given purpose?

Mickey describes Satan's strategy as convincing people they are 'just an ordinary person living an ordinary life'. Where in your daily life do you find yourself most susceptible to believing that lie, and what truth from Scripture can counter it?

1 Peter 2:9 describes believers as a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. Which of these three identity markers is most difficult for you to personally embrace, and why?

The sermon draws a distinction between living for approval and living from acceptance, suggesting that royal people operate from a place of already being accepted. How would your relationships, decisions, and self-worth change if you truly lived from that place of acceptance rather than striving for it?

The Old Testament priest served two functions: representing God to the people and bringing the people to God. In your everyday spheres of influence such as work, family, or school, how are you actively fulfilling both of those priestly roles?

Ephesians 2:10 teaches that believers are created for good works that God prepared in advance. How does the idea that your purpose was ordained before you were born change the way you approach the opportunities and responsibilities in front of you today?

Mickey argues that the church only functions fully when every believer serves in their unique lane. What is one specific gift, passion, or calling you have been hesitant to step into, and what has been holding you back?

The sermon suggests that many people struggle to accept that they matter because truly embracing that truth requires acknowledging a God who matters more. In what ways might pride or self-reliance be preventing you from fully surrendering to the identity and purpose God has given you?

1 Peter 2:10 frames the gospel in terms of a before and after: once you were not a people, but now you are God's people. How does the contrast between who you were before Christ and who you are now shape the testimony you carry into the world?

Mickey challenges retirees, students, employees, and families to each see themselves as ministers sent into their specific contexts. What would it look like practically for you to begin treating your daily environment as a mission field starting this week?