

Priesthood 2

Knowing we are priests is all part of knowing our identity in Christ. When I say knowing, I don't mean a mental agreement or an intellectual knowledge through human learning. I am referring to a living conviction, where the Holy Spirit has written this Truth on our hearts through His power. In other words, a powerful revealed position in Christ.

It's this knowing that has you living out the reality of being a priest, in accordance to His eternal purposes and plans, while we are here on earth. As we looked at last week, there were the outer court priests and the inner court priests. Within the one people group there were 2 kinds of priests. Jesus made the way for us all to be inner court priests of the one kind.

This is all the opportunity we have, to enter into the fullness of this priesthood as 1 Peter 2:9-10 declares, remembering that the scriptures are of a prophetic dimension, meaning they declare a living dimension which is to be our known reality.

1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Group Exercise

- 1. Take 10-15 minutes and get each person to write down their key observations from these 2 verses in Peter, in relation to being priests.
- 2. Each person is to share what they wrote and share why they identified these things and what they mean for them and the body of Christ.
- 3. After each person has shared their thoughts and if there is time, pose these questions to the group.
- 1. What does it look like to live as this royal priesthood today?
- 2. Why is it essential we all come into this priestly promise?
- 3. What are the consequences to us as individuals and His body if we don't?