

Foster City Campus We Are People of Privilege 1 Peter 2:4 - 10 February 12, 2017 || Dan Reid

1. What happens when we forget our new identity and the privileges that come from it?

2. What do we already know about Peter's primary audience in Asia Minor? Why would this passage about our new identity be so important to them?

3. Describe a season when you were living your Christian faith solo instead of collectively in community?

4. How has being a living stone connected to other living stones in the new spiritual house helped you? How have these connections polished you? What might help you experience more of this in your Community Group?

5. What are the privileges that come with a member of the Holy Priesthood? What is most challenging about being labeled a priest? What does it look like for you to offer spiritual sacrifices through Jesus Christ?

6. Why did the builders reject Christ as the precious and chosen corner stone? What happens to those who continually disobey the message?

7. Why are the titles of chosen people, royal priesthood, holy nation, and God's special possession such a privilege?

8. Because of who we are in Christ, what should it look like for us to proclaim the excellencies of Christ as individuals and as a team?

9. How might the privileges that come with our new identity in Christ allow the church to help bring healing in our divided country? What is next step for you to be used in this way?

10. In what specific situation have you seen the world try to steal your identity? Share with your group and ask for their feedback on how your identity in Christ might bring a practical change into that challenging situation.

North Campus Sermon Questions

You Are the People of God

1 Peter 2:4 - 10

February 12, 2017 || Adam Darbonne

a. What two images does Peter use to describe Christians as People of God?
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2. Name the four characteristics of believers as a **spiritual house**, and tell how each one is significant to you personally.

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- 3. We are also called **Abraham's children**. From verses 9 and 10, name the six descriptions Peter uses and tell how each one is significant to you personally.
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- 4. How would you now answer the question, "Who are you?"

South Campus Because you are the people of God, declare his holiness 1 Peter 2:4 - 10 February 12, 2017 || Dominic Rivera

- 1. Verses 4-5 describe the church community (rather than individual Christians) as being built together as a community centered on Jesus. What has been your experience with "church"? Where have you seen the church operate as it should?
- 2. What is a possible meaning for "spiritual sacrifice" in verse 5? Where else in the New Testament does a similar phrase occur?
- 3. What is the meaning of the "cornerstone" in verse 6 (quoted from Isaiah 28:16)?
- 4. What is meant by "destined" in verse 8? (Use commentaries/resources to study.)
- 5. Peter uses titles of ancient Israel in verse 9 to describe those have put their faith in Jesus. Which of those titles most resonates with you as you think about how the church should function? Why?
- 6. In verse 9, followers of Jesus, out of their new identity in Christ, are to "declare the praises of him who called you of darkness into his wonderful light." How has God been at work in your life recently, leading you out of darkness and into light?