

Home Group Discussion Guide

We Are: A Priesthood – 1 Peter 2:9-10; Acts 2:1-13

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. When someone says the word priest – what are some of the images and ideas that come to mind for you?
2. This series is about reminding us of the **key identity markers** that make ASBC who God has called us to be – What are some of the markers you can see for this church?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-5 & 9-10; Exodus 19:3-6; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Acts 2:1-13

Read 1 Peter 2:4-5 and then 9-10

1. Consider the images that Peter describes the Church as; which one of these images resonates with you most strongly? Why?
 - a. Contrast Peter's words with the ones given to the nation of Israel in Exodus 19:3-6; what message is God wanting to share with His people?
2. What does Peter share the role of the priest to be in verses 9 and 10?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

3. Paul describes how we have this treasure in jars of clay – how does this relate to our role of representing God as His priests?

Read Acts 2:1-13

4. What do you notice about the way God equips the believers to communicate with those who were gathered in Jerusalem?
 - a. What are some of the ways God equips us to share these wonders today?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Where might God be wanting to use your weakness to reveal His goodness to those around you?
2. What are some of the ways that God has been equipping you to represent Him to others?
3. How, and to who is God calling you to represent Him this week?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

