

GOING DEEPER

SERMON STUDY GUIDE PACKET

Includes:

- Adult Guide / Youth Guide / Kids Guide

ADULT SMALL GROUP GUIDE – OUR POSITION: A PEOPLE

PRIMARY PASSAGE

1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV)

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 7:6; Isaiah 43:20–21; Exodus 19:6; Isaiah 43:21; Malachi 3:17; Titus 2:14; Psalm 90:14; Psalm 119:105; John 8:12; Colossians 1:13; Hosea 2:23

SUGGESTED FURTHER READING

Ephesians 1–2; Romans 8:12–17; Galatians 3:26–29

SERMON RECAP

The sermon explored how our identity in Christ radically reshapes who we are. While our earthly family of origin influences us—through experiences of nurture, neglect, or even trauma—Peter reminds believers that Christ gives us a new story and a new family. In 1 Peter 2:9–10, Christians are called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God’s treasured possession. This new identity comes not from our lineage, nationality, or performance, but from God’s grace in Christ. Because of Jesus, we now belong to God’s family, have direct access to His presence, live under a new allegiance, and are called to holiness—loving the things God loves. We are loved, treasured, and secured by Him, set free from sin and shame, and given new direction through the light of Christ. Peter urges us to ground our being before our doing: identity must precede activity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The Character of God: How do passages like 1 Peter 2:9–10 and Deuteronomy 7:6 reveal God’s heart toward His people? What does this teach us about His character?
2. Identity: What false “identity scripts” from your family of origin or culture have shaped you? How does your identity in Christ rewrite that story?
3. Action: What are some practical ways you can daily remind yourself (and others) that you are chosen, loved, and secure in Christ?
4. Community: Peter calls us a people, not just individuals. How does belonging to God’s family shape the way we relate to the church community?
5. Allegiance: When cultural, political, or personal loyalties conflict with Christ’s way, what does it look like for you to “bow the knee to King Jesus”?
6. Holiness: How is holiness more about loving rightly than following rules? What affections need reordering in your life?
7. Mission: If we are a royal priesthood, both welcomed into God’s presence and sent to display His glory, what is one way you can represent Christ’s presence in your relationships this week?

PRAYER PROMPTS

1. Thank God for choosing you, calling you His own, and giving you a new family story in Christ.
2. Pray that your affections would be reordered to love the things God loves and to delight in holiness.
3. Ask God to give your group courage to live as His treasured people in your community, pointing others to His light.

YOUTH AT-HOME STUDY GUIDE – CHOSEN AND TREASURED

PRIMARY PASSAGE

1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV)

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Colossians 1:13; John 8:12; Deuteronomy 7:6

SUGGESTED FURTHER READING

Ephesians 2:1–10

SERMON RECAP

Everyone wants to know: Who am I? Our family background, friends, and even mistakes often shape our sense of identity. But Peter reminds us that Jesus rewrites our story. When we trust in Him, we are given a new family of origin—we become God’s people. 1 Peter 2:9–10 says that Christians are chosen, loved, and set apart as God’s treasured possession. We are called out of darkness and into His marvelous light. That means we aren’t defined by our failures, our social media image, our grades, or even our family history. Instead, we belong to God and are secure in His love. With this new identity comes purpose. God gives us direct access to His presence, calls us to live differently, and sends us to represent Him in the world. Identity comes first—before performance, before doing. When you remember you are loved, chosen, and secure in Jesus, you can live with freedom and confidence.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The Character of God: What does it say about God that He chooses people who feel ordinary, broken, or overlooked?
2. Identity: What voices (social media, friends, family, culture) try to define your worth? How does your identity in Christ silence those voices?
3. Action: If holiness is about loving the right things, what’s one thing you need to start loving more (and one thing you need to love less)?
4. Allegiance: How does being part of God’s “holy nation” change the way you think about fitting in at school, on your team, or online?
5. Mission: As part of a “royal priesthood,” how can you reflect God’s light in your friend group or online this week?

JOURNALING PROMPTS

1. Write down 5 identity statements from 1 Peter 2:9–10 (e.g., “I am chosen,” “I belong”). Which one do you need to remember most right now?
2. Describe an area of life where you feel “in the dark.” How might God’s light bring freedom or direction there?
3. Imagine explaining to a friend why being God’s possession is good news. How would you put it in your own words?

PRAYER PROMPTS

1. Thank God that you are chosen and loved by Him—not defined by your grades, your image, or your past.
2. Pray that you would see yourself the way God sees you: secure, forgiven, and belonging to His family.
3. Ask God to help you shine His light among your friends and classmates this week.

KIDS PARENT-LED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE – GOD’S PRECIOUS PEOPLE

PRIMARY PASSAGE

1 Peter 2:9–10

KEY VERSES

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession...” (1 Peter 2:9a)

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9b)

“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:10)

DEVOTIONAL RECAP

Have you ever felt left out or wondered if you really belong? The Bible says that when we trust Jesus, God gives us a brand-new family story. We don’t just belong to our earthly family—we belong to God’s family! Peter writes that we are chosen by God, loved by Him, and treasured like His very own special possession. Because of Jesus, we are no longer stuck in darkness or sin. He brings us into His marvelous light, giving us freedom and direction. We are God’s people—safe, loved, and never forgotten.

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

1. God: What does it show about God that He calls us His “treasured possession”?
2. Identity: How does it make you feel to know you are chosen and loved by God?
3. Action: If you are part of God’s family, how can you show His love to someone this week?
4. Mission: Who could you tell about Jesus’ love and light?

FAMILY ACTIVITY OPTIONS

1. Identity Jar: Write identity words from 1 Peter 2:9–10 (“chosen,” “loved,” “God’s people”) on slips of paper. Put them in a jar. Each morning, pull one out and read it together.
2. Light Hunt: Turn off the lights and give the kids a flashlight. Let them “find their way” in the dark. Then talk about how Jesus brings us out of darkness and shows us the way.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father God, thank You that we are chosen and loved by You. Thank You that, because of Jesus, we belong to Your family and live in Your light. Help us to remember every day that we are Your treasured children. Show us how to share Your love with others this week. In Jesus’ name, amen.