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But God chose you to be his people. You are royal priests. You are a holy nation. You are God's special treasure. You are all these things so that you can give him praise. God brought you out of darkness into his wonderful light.





FELLOWSHIP GROUP MATERIAL

PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Pray to understand the mission of the Church, both corporately and individually.
- Pray to hear clearly from God on how you can take part in the mission of the Church.



Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

What's something you're passionate about that gives you a sense of purpose?

Key Points

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Now that we are in a community of people who follow Jesus, what is our mission? What does the Church do?
- Because Jesus died on the cross to save us,

we have a ministry to God and others.

- This means our mission individually and corporately is to serve God and others.
- We can serve God by worshiping Him with our words and lifestyle.
- We can serve God by reconciling with others

 being restored in our relationships –
 because He reconciled us to Himself.
- We can serve God by making disciples with His authority, guiding others to follow Jesus and learn about His kingdom.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP MATERIAL

Discuss Together (pick at least one)

- How can you live your life in a way that honors God? Are there sins that the world accepts, but you know wouldn't please God?
- Do you have a family member or friend you need to be reconciled with? Pray that God will give you an opening and the right words to say to this person.
- As God's children, we have been given the authority to speak His Word to those around us. How do you usually approach people to tell them about Jesus? What makes you nervous or hesitant when you try?

PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

Key Truth

Because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we can serve God and others individually and with the Church.

Pray Together (pick at least one)

- Pray that you will continue to live in a way that glorifies God, even if it means being different from those around you.
- Pray for reconciliation with one person today. Pray that this restoration will give glory to only God.
- Pray for God to open doors for you to simply and effectively proclaim Him to friends and family, workmates, schoolmates, and even strangers.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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¹⁹"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)