



But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 CSB

A Royal Priesthood

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:10 CSB

"The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ..."

Romans 8:16-17a CSB

A Royal Heir

"...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

Romans 8:37 CSB

Straighten Your Crown

See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are!

1 John 3:1 NLT



ICEBREAKER: What is the most embarrassing mistake that you've made? How did you recover or correct it?

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Read 1 Peter 2:9. Describe what it means to be a:
 - a. Chosen race
 - b. Royal priesthood
 - c. Holy nation
 - d. People for His possession
- 2) When life is challenging, how does it help you to remember that you have been made all of those things through Jesus?
- 3) Discuss the statement: "Jesus drank the cup of wrath without mercy so that we can drink the cup of mercy without wrath." What does it mean to you personally that Jesus paid your sin debt?
- 4) What does it mean to be a child of God and a "royal heir?" How should our thinking and behavior be different if we really embrace our position in Christ?
- 5) If "living victorious doesn't mean living undefeated", what does victorious Christian living look like?
- 6) The next time that you are overwhelmed or discouraged, how will the truth of being God's child help you?

DIG DEEPER:

- 1) In 1 Peter 2:6-10, Peter quotes from Isaiah, Psalms, Exodus, and even Deuteronomy. Look up these cross references and consider why he is referring back to these Old Testament passages.
- 2) Study Galatians 3:23-4:7. How is this passage similar to the Scripture verses used during this message? How does it encourage you?