

Who am I in Christ #10: God's special possession
1 Peter 2:9-12

Objectives: We want to understand our incredible standing as followers of Jesus. We also want to understand that this is not our home, and therefore there will be a certain amount of frustration until we get home. We want to begin to think about how we can declare the goodness of God to our campus.

Launch

If there was a fire and you could only save one of your possessions, what would you take? Why would you choose what you did?

Explore

In the larger context of chapter 2 Peter is contrasting those who do not believe in Christ with those who do. Verses 9-12 describe those who believe in Christ and follow Him.

Read 1 Peter 2:9-12

Before we break into discussion groups there are 2 things I want to define. First, a priest was someone who was given a special role to represent God to people and represent the people to God. **Second, a sojourner or exile was someone who lived in a land that was not their home.**

- **What are phrases that Peter uses to describe those who follow Christ?** (chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, God's special possession, sojourners and exiles).
- **Which one of these phrases means the most to you? Why?**
- **In verse 9 Peter uses the verb "are." How would this passage be different if he used a verb like "should be?"**
- **Why is it so important to know who we "are" in Christ? In other words, why is it so important for us to know that we are a royal priesthood? Why is it so important to know that we are God's special possession?**

Apply

In this passage, Peter makes several connections between "who we are" and how we should live.

- **What are some of the ways we should live in light of who we are?** (proclaim who God is to the world (9), not sin (11), live honorable and God like lives in front of non believers).
- **As Creator, God owns everything, yet of all the things he owns he considers you his treasured possession. Practically, how would your life be different if you truly believed this were true?**
- **In this passage we are called to interact with people who do not follow Christ in a few very specific ways. We are to proclaim God's goodness, we are to abstain from sin and we are to live honorable lives. As a college student at MSU, what is one practical way you will declare the goodness of God this week?**

Prayer

End with thanksgiving for God's mercy in our lives and the privilege to be his special possession.

Pray for strength that we could live in honorable ways on our campus.

Pray for the boldness and opportunity to declare God's goodness on our campus.