



Church is “Essential”

1 Peter 2:9-17

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Introduction

In this message we celebrate and remember that the church is essential for God’s people and the world.

The Text: 1 Peter 2:9-17

1) God’s Word teaches us how to think and act during a pandemic (vv. 11-17).

a) Remember that this is not your home (v. 11).

b) Represent Christ and his kingdom to the world around you (v. 12).

c) Submit to the Lordship of Christ by honoring his chosen, secular, and temporary leaders (vv. 13-15).

d) Live as servants of God in everything you do (vv. 16-17).

2) God’s Word also teaches us that the church is essential to God, to his mission in the world, and to every disciple of Jesus (vv. 9-10).

Hear these descriptions of you and your church family: “you are [1] a chosen race, [2] a royal priesthood, [3] a holy nation, [4] a people for his own possession”

Response

Be the “essential” church – the people of God called out of darkness and into his marvelous light.

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 2:9-17

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- 1) Starter Question: What did/do you miss most about not gathering as the church for 13 weeks?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Read Exod. 19:3-6. How does v. 9 describe how the church fulfills what God had always intended his people to be?
- 4) What do each of the descriptions mean in v. 9?
- 5) If the church is a new “race,” those from the bloodline of Christ, how should Christians then think about the topic of racism in our world today?
- 6) If the church is a “holy nation,” with holy meaning “set apart” from all other nations, how should Christians then think about the secular nation in which they are born and live?
- 7) Why does God want us to think of ourselves as “sojourners” (people on a journey) and “exiles” (people longing for their true home), even if we have been born and raised in a country we love (v. 11)?
- 8) How might vv. 13-14 instruct us to respond to our governing leaders during the COVID-19 crisis, no matter our own thoughts or opinions on the matter?
- 9) How might v. 16 challenge us to redefine “our freedom” according to the truth that we are first and foremost servants (slaves!) of God?
- 10) What is one thing you can do this week to love your church this week – to “love the brotherhood,” that is, your siblings in Christ (v. 17)?

Further study this week: Key texts on the beauty and responsibility of the church: Exodus 19 (Mon); 1 Corinthians 12 (Tues); Ephesians 4 (Wed); Romans 13 (Thurs); Titus 2 (Fri).



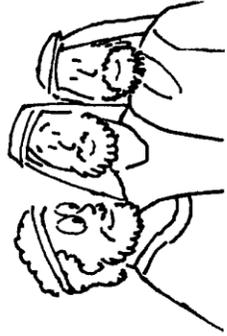
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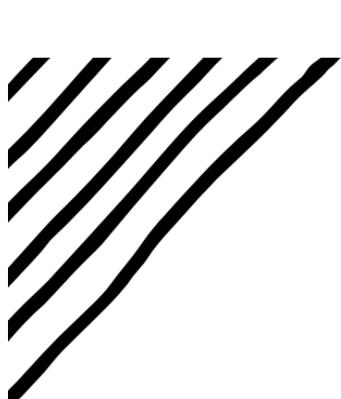
God's people are especially chosen by God for a particular purpose.



Find the message by writing the letter that is (<) less than/precedes or (>) greater than/follows the given letter.

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Tally Notes

Church is Essential!

Throughout the service, listen carefully for each word or phrase below. Draw a tally mark in the table each time you hear that word, count up your totals, and write them in the box!

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Circle the word you heard the most. Underline the word you heard the least. Draw a star next to a word you didn't know, didn't understand, or had questions about. Take notes throughout the service and draw a picture of one of the words you heard on the back of this page.

