

Discussion Questions for 1 Peter 2:9-12, "You are a Kingdom of Priests"

1. Who does the "you" in verse 9 refer to? How does an individual become a priest in the Kingdom of God? (1:3: 1:23)

2. What role does Jesus Christ have in making us priests in the Kingdom of God? (1:18-22)

3. What is your concept of the role of a priest? Other similar words that describe a priest are minister, representative and ambassador. Do you view yourself as a representative of God? (See Hebrews 5:1-4).

4. Do you feel like a priest? Why or why not? What is hindering you from ministering to others?

5. According to 1 Peter 5:9, what is our purpose as priests in God's holy nation? What does "declaring the praises of him" mean in a practical way?

6. What does it mean to "declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"? (See John 1:1-5:3:19:8:12;12:35:12:46)

7. In 1 Peter 2:12, what is the relationship between our conduct and what unbelievers will say when Christ returns?

8. Look over this passage again and list the ways we are to declare the worth of God, both in our words and lifestyle.