

The Sent One Sends Us

1 Peter 2:9

Growth Group Questions

November 2, 2014

1. This past Sunday, we talked about how the Church is called to a family of servant missionaries. How can your Growth group become:
 - a. a healthier family
 - b. intentional servants
 - c. loving missionaries to your family, friends, co-workers, community, etc.

2. Read Exodus 19:3-6, where God reminds the Israelites what He has done for them, and who He calls them to be. You would think this would have propelled them into an unbreakable lifetime of faith and believing in God. Yet, we know that they eventually became forgetful and resentful toward God. Describe a time or circumstance where you know God had encouraged you and came through for you to display His goodness and power, yet maybe now, after time has passed, you still struggle to believe in Him. Be vulnerable.

Why do you think we become so forgetful even though God has proven to be so faithful?

3. Everything we do is a response to what we believe. If you watch me long enough, you will be able to tell what I believe based on how I live. My actions tell you my beliefs. Read Galatians 5:4-7. Many of us believe we are "sons and daughters" of the King, but we don't live like it. How do you see this in your own life or in the life of others? (Example: If we believe we are children of the King, we should then be confident in His love for us and the acceptance of others, yet we still struggle with wanting the approval of others because we still struggle with insecurity, proving that we don't really believe the Father's love for us is enough.)
4. Wrap up your study by having someone pray for the Holy Spirit to bring to mind the names and faces that need to know the love of Jesus. Sit in silence for a few minutes, actively listening for the Spirit to reveal those people. Share what people may have seen or heard during that time, and end by praying that HE would open up opportunities for you to love and serve them the way Jesus has loved and served you. Also, some of us may need to pray for a heart to want to actually do that for those people. Please pray that we would have the heart of Jesus during those moments.

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1 Peter 2:9 says, "*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of the darkness into his marvelous light.*"

1. The Church is "a chosen race" which means we are GOD's FAMILY.
2. The Church is "a royal priesthood," which means are the KING's MISSIONARIES.
3. The Church is "a holy nation," which means we are the LORD's SERVANTS.

Our actions tell people what we believe; everything we do reflects what we believe.

Imagine if the Church truly believed that we are a family of servant missionaries. What would the world look like?