



Different To Make A Difference

1 Peter 1:2:4-10

You have been elected by the Most High King to the most important office on earth!

All those who have called on Jesus for salvation are part of God's royal priesthood!

- Priests are beloved

- Priests say no to sin and starve the flesh

- Priests say yes to good works and hold the door open for others
 - By praying
 - By giving
 - By going

Who are you holding a door open for?

Participating in our Mission Conference Projects is a great way to make a difference.

Learn more: <https://www.forcey.org/ministries/missions/>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Meditate on 1 Peter 2:11-12, Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 2:15-17, John 17:1-26, Ephesians 2:1-10
- Read *Created to Draw Near* by Ed Welch
- Learn more about our Missions Conference and projects - <https://www.forcey.org/ministries/missions/>
- Watch this video about the Stantons - <https://www.wkbw.com/news/local-news/buffalo-strong/local-couple-adopting-a-special-needs-baby-after-losing-their-infant-daughter-with-down-syndrome>
- Hear this incredible story from rescue from Honduras - www.facebook.com/mandozunigat/videos/3525333980907268
- Listen to "With Every Act of Love" (a million doors) by Jason Gray - www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4bB7BUxBbY
- Read this article "A Kingdom of Priests" - www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/kingdom-priests

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What images come to mind when you hear the term "priest" or think about "holy people"? What does it mean to you that God calls you a priest because of your faith in Jesus?
3. What are some ways you feel like an alien or exile in this world?
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How can you relate to the description of people before Christ?
5. Read Ephesians 2:4-10. How can you relate to this description of God's saving work?
6. What are some ways God has enabled you to experience victory over sin and the flesh? (Consider Romans 6:1-14)
7. Read Jesus' prayer in John 17:13-19. What do you see about Jesus' heart for his disciples?
8. Share about someone who "held a door open for you." How did they help you to know Christ?
9. We shared several examples of Christians who are living like priests. What are some other examples you have seen of Christians doing good works in this world?
10. Who do you need to hold a door open for? Spend some time praying for these people and one another. Consider how you might further pray, give, or go to make a difference!