



WK 2 CC CONNECT GROUP STUDY //

Date: Week Beginning 15.04.18

Topic: **EVERYONE - "Priesthood of all believers"**

Text: **1 Peter 2:9** *"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 darkness into his marvellous light."*

STUDY 1 // EVERYONE IS CALLED

This study will look to explain the first word of our series title, 'Everyone.' Throughout scripture, we see time and time again that instead of calling those who are equipped, God equips those He has called. Many Christians believe that until they are qualified and endorsed, they are unable to participate and fulfil what God has commissioned them for. Unfortunately, this is another excuse to neglect the truth of God's purpose for His people. From Noah to Moses, Elijah to David, the Bible records how God uses imperfect and incomplete people to complete and implement His Kingdom mission on earth.

God has called every believer who has given their life wholeheartedly to Him and identifies as a disciple of Jesus to be engaged in the operation of sharing the gospel with people and making disciples of Christ. This is also what is known as *'the priesthood of all believers,'* meaning that there is no longer a special caste acting as mediators between people and God as in the Old Testament because of Jesus' complete work at Calvary (**Hebrews 10:11-12 and 1 Timothy 2:5-6**). Instead every believer has been **endorsed** and **employed** to serve God and others through Kingdom labour and the making of disciples of Jesus Christ.

In order for Cross Central to deploy fully in the mission God has commissioned us to on the south coast of NSW, it is vital for us to understand that God has called **'everyone'** of us to His Kingdom assignment.



READ MATTHEW 27:50-51

What does the tearing of the temple curtain mean for believers?
What might this indicate about the Old Testament priesthood?

SUNDAY SERMON PERSONAL //

Whether you were at Cross Central on Sunday, or you watched the sermon on our youtube channel, what are some discussion points that stuck out to you, that you would like to share with the group?

SCRIPTURE READING & DISCUSSION //

Read 1 Peter 2:1-10

Discuss things that stood out to you as you read through this passage?

Read & Discuss 1 Peter 2:1-3

How might we 'taste' and 'see' that the Lord is good?

Read & Discuss 1 Peter 2:4-5

Who was Jesus rejected by and chosen by (*vs4*)? Why is this significant? How are believers described and why is this important?

Read & Discuss 1 Peter 2:6-8

What are the two descriptors of Christ The Cornerstone (*vs6*)? What is the difference between what God accepts and what man rejects?

Read & Discuss 1 Peter 2:9-10

Discuss the 4 titles given to God's people. What do they bring to mind for you (*vs9a*)? What is the purpose of God's people (*vs9b*)? Is it for a select few? Explain. What is our motivation for this declaration (*vs10*)?

Read & Discuss Titus 2:11-14

How are we to live as people of God? Discuss vs 14 and what 'zealous for good works' might mean to you.



ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION //

1. What has God spoken to you about in this study?
2. Share some reasons why people might not agree with 'the priesthood of all believers.'
3. Why is 'EVERYBODY' important in God's mission on earth?

SERIES OBJECTIVES //

These are our four main goals for this series. Which one of these objectives has been highlighted to you in this study and what action will you take, because of it, this week?:

- 1. Reinforce and teach our Cross Central value of 'BEYOND'**
- 2. Provide a Biblical perspective of OUTREACH and DISCIPLESHIP.**
- 3. Overcome personal fears and perceived barriers to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with people.**
- 4. Actively deploy each of our God given gifts as disciples of Jesus, for the mission of making disciples of Jesus.**

PRAYING FOR YOU THIS WEEK //

How can I pray for you this week?



