

“Called, Not Employed!”

1 Peter 2:4-10

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Sermon Series: “Joining in God’s Restoration—The New Mindset”

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THE BIG IDEA

All followers of Christ are part of the Priesthood of All Believers. By his free grace, God has chosen us for active service, called us to be his representatives and mediators on earth, and commissioned us for active service. We all share a priestly calling and a capacity to be messengers of his mercy, grace, love, and justice.

GETTING STARTED

1. When have you felt honored or flattered because you were selected for something?
2. What does it mean to be called versus employed?

LEARNING & LIVING OUT SCRIPTURE

Together, read 1 Peter 2:4-10.

3. What does it mean to be chosen?
4. What does it mean to be called into the royal priesthood of God? Discuss both concepts of being “royal” and being in a “priesthood.” Consider the requirements of these roles in biblical times (going back to 1500 BC) that were shared in the message.
5. Look at the last couple of verses. How do they underscore the premise of commissioning? Describe the “commissioning” aspect of your calling.
6. How do these verses communicate that we are called to devote ourselves to serve not just the world, but the larger body of Christ?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

7. In the message Henry described the idea that rather than have “careers,” we are called to Christian vocation. We have a “calling” or vocation to know the caller (Jesus Christ) and we are set apart to be commissioned for our “assignment.”
 - a. What are the various “assignments” in your own life? Daily work in the workforce? Kids and grandkids? Devotion to a certain social justice cause?
 - b. Do you have any “assignments” in which you would like to more faithfully embody your priestly call to witness for Jesus Christ?

THE “EXTRA-MILE”

8. Invite a friend to Bidwell for worship one Sunday.

SHARING & PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the successful implementation of the church’s new vision: “Joining in God’s Restoration.”