

## Sermon Discussion Questions: 1 Peter 2:9-10

March 31st, 2019

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. In his book *Honest Evangelism*, Rico Tice says that one of the greatest challenges to initiating evangelistic conversations is crossing the “Pain Line”. He assumes that if you take a step out to share the gospel you may get hurt in the process. What are some of your fears in sharing the Gospel with family, friends, coworkers/classmates, or neighbors? What pain are you avoiding?
3. Leslie Newbigin says that the greatest apologetic that a Christian can bring to the world is the Gospel lived out in community. Peter says we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. How can a community express the Gospel in deeper ways than an individual?  
“How is it possible that the gospel should be credible, that people should come to believe that the power which has the last word in human affairs is represented by a man hanging on a cross? I am suggesting that the only answer, the only hermeneutic of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it.”  
Lesslie Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, 227
4. Early on in our Christian faith we realize that we are saved only by the mercy of God and not by any merit or work of our own. Knowing our salvation by God’s mercy, we are able to have greater compassion and mercy on others outside the faith. Why is it a struggle to relate with mercy toward outsiders as we continue to grow in our faith?
5. The priest in Israel had the primary task to serve the community in their relationship toward God by making sacrifices for the forgiveness of sin and by teaching God’s law. Peter says we are all now given a priestly calling in our community. What is the priestly message we are to declare and specifically how has God called you “out of darkness into His marvelous light”?

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