JUNE 22, 2025

SERMON: God's People
(WATCH SERMON) (SERMON NOTES)
SPEAKER: Pastor Jeremy
CORE SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:9-10

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

In this sermon, Pastor Jeremy challenged us to rethink the purpose of the church. The church is not merely a place to receive spiritual services but a community of people called to participate in God's mission. We are reminded that God's kingdom is about restoring the world through His people. As a "So That" people, a Display People, and a Set Apart People, we are called to live out our identity and purpose in the world, bringing God's love, healing, and hope to our communities.

SHARE

As an icebreaker, share a time when you felt part of a community that was focused on a mission or purpose. How did it impact you?

READ

Let's read 1 Peter 2:9-10 together out loud.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What most stood out to you about the sermon?

2. How does the idea of being a "So That" people challenge your understanding of the church's purpose?

3. In 1 Peter 2:9-10, what does it mean to be a "royal priesthood" and a "holy nation"? How does this shape our identity as believers?

4. Pastor Jeremy mentioned that the church is God's Plan A for restoring the world. How does this perspective influence your view of your role in the church?

5. Reflect on the concept of being a Display People. How can we make the invisible God visible in our daily lives?

6. Consider the theological implications of being a “Set Apart” people. How does this call us to live differently in the world?

7. How can we, as a small group, embody the mission of the church in our local communities of York, Stouffville, Markham, Scarborough, and the eastern side of GTA?

NEXT STEPS:
Identify one practical way you can live out your identity as God’s people this week. It could be through serving others, sharing God’s love, or standing against injustice.

PRAY:
Spend time in prayer as a group, asking God to help you live out your identity and purpose. Pray for opportunities to be a blessing to others and for the courage to step into your calling.

CLOSING:
Thank everyone for their participation and encourage them to continue reflecting on how they can be part of God’s mission in their daily lives.