

Series: Ears to Hear  
Passage: 1 Peter 2:9-10  
Speaker: Pastor Jon

## THE LIFE CHALLENGE

### CONNECT

Do you know any jokes about heaven or getting into heaven?

OR What do you think is the world's perception of how Christians believe we get to heaven?



### IDENTITY

**Read Ephesians 1:3-14.** Make a list together of identity statements that can be determined by this passage. If these things are true, what's one thing in your life that would be affected by the reality of your new self?

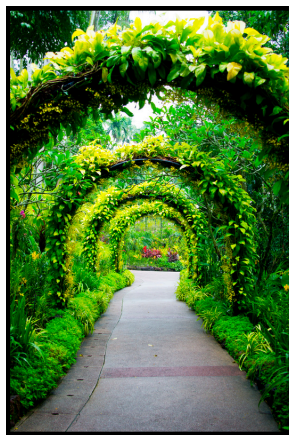
In the sermon passage, Peter calls us *a royal priesthood*. If priests were the ones who were called and set apart to serve God in the temple, what do you think this means about us today?

### THE EXAMEN

Pastor Jonathan said that everyone has been given the mandate to **show forth the Good News**. When have you experienced this in your place of work or learning and where/when do you find this hardest?

Read **1 Corinthians 9:19-23** again. What do you think Paul means by this? How would this look in your context without compromising on values that are important to you?

1. **Creation**
2. **Fall**
3. **Redemption**
4. **Restoration**



### PRACTICE: GOSPEL SHIFT

Pastor Jonathan said "*Every problem is a gospel problem*" (he probably stole this quote from someone else).

Choose a few willing participants: What's an area of your life that doesn't feel great right now? Or an area of struggle or difficulty? Or a problem you face? **Together as a group**, see if you can gently apply the Good News filter to this issue/area. Please be thoughtful and loving about how you do this.

*How does the reality that you are a sinner saved by grace, loved by a good Father, rescued by Jesus, and empowered by the Spirit speak to this?*

### PRAY TOGETHER

If you are willing, share needs (or even struggles) with one another. **Then pray together.**