

MAIN POINT

Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to who God is and what He has done, expressed in and by what we say and how we live.

INTRODUCTION

What is your favorite song to sing in worship? What do you like about it?

While we often think about worship as the musical part of a worship service, how else would you define worship? Why is it about so much more than the songs we sing?

Worship is the personal and corporate response to who God is and what He has done in our lives. While that certainly involves singing songs of praise, it also involves a whole lot more. Worship is embodied in the way we live together as the people of God and the way we relate to God as individuals. We have been called to God so that we may proclaim His praises.

DISCUSSION

> **READ 1 PETER 2:4-5, 9-10.**

Looking at verses 9-10, which description of believers most captures your attention? Which do you find most challenging to grasp?

What was the role of a priest for Israel?

In what ways do believers fill this role for one another today?

For what purpose were we called to be priests?

Peter reminded believers of who we were before coming to Christ. Having considered our identity in Christ, we are compelled to consider our responsibilities to Him and others. What did Peter mean when he said we were once not a people? Why do you think it was important for Peter to remind us of this?

What does it mean to you that you now belong to a people, God's church? Why does being a part of God's church give us a reason to worship Him?

How are identity and worship innately related? Explain.

This week, we were challenged to prioritize and participate. How does this challenge your view of the church alongside our passage for today?

APPLICATION

Where is God calling you to prioritize and participate with c|Life this week?