



Living For Christ

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

1. Knowing God _____

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NLT) *As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. ² For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you. "Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.*

2. Serving God _____

Romans 12-4-8 (NIV) *Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

3. Reflecting God's _____

Ephesians 5:1 (MSG) *Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents.*

4. Sharing God's _____

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Membership Covenant:

Stepping In...

1. By attending faithfully
2. By being a friend...and bringing a friend
3. By warmly welcoming those who visit

Building Up...

1. By experiencing God every day
2. By giving a tithe to God every paycheck
3. By teaming up with others every week

Living Out...

1. By knowing God now
2. By serving God together
3. By reflecting God's character
4. By sharing God's heart

LifeGroup Study

Stepping In: Getting things started!

1. What was something you learned from this series that really encouraged you to BE the church...and not just GO to church?

Building Up: What is God Saying?

1. Read **1 Peter 2:4-12**.
2. Pick the one verse that speaks most clearly to you today and write it out below: (share with the group which verse you chose.)
3. (**1 Peter 2:4-5**) Jesus is the “living Stone.” What is the significance of Peter calling us “living stones”?
4. (**1 Peter 2:6-8**) Jesus is the “precious” and “chosen” cornerstone of the church. What is the reason people stumble and fall when confronted with the truth of Jesus’ message?

5. (**1 Peter 2:9**) In the Old Testament God had a Priesthood. Now, in the church, we’re all priests.

*What are some of the different ways we serve as priests in the church?

*While we all don’t do the same things, what do we have in common as priests in God’s church?

6. (**1 Peter 2:10-12**) Similar to 1 Cor. 6:9... “*that is what some of you WERE,*” Peter reminds us of the importance of being different from the world around us. Look again at verse 12 and give a number of examples of what Peter could be talking about when he says, “*Live such good lives among the pagans...*”

Living Out – How do I obey?

1. Spend the remainder of your time being descriptive of the differences between “going to a church” and “being the church”.