

*Transforming Grace*  
*The Church: A People of God*  
*1 Peter 2:9-10*

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**Getting Started**

- ❖ The theme of Randy's message reminds us of our annual emphasis to be Ambassador's of Christ by praying for three people, befriending two and asking God to give us the opportunity to invite at least one of those three to investigate Christ. As a group discuss how this is going in your life. Pray as a group by name for people who are part of your "three".

**Digging Deeper**

- ❖ **Read 1 Peter 2:4-8**
  - A few weeks ago Randy preached on these verses and emphasized the teaching known as "the priesthood of the Believer". How would you summarize this doctrine?
  - What phrases in this passage reinforce the idea that "every member is a minister"?
  - Randy gave us a memory tool that relates to "offering spiritual sacrifices" (vs.5).
    - Test your group's memory of these 4 hand motions and their meaning.
    - Of the four, which concept do you find most evident in your life? Why?
    - Of the four, which one do you struggle with the most? Why?
  - What practical ways do you believe your discipleship group should live out "every member a minister" to one another?
    - An important value at Covenant Church is genuinely caring for one another and the most basic way we experience this care is in our group.
    - Discuss the health of your group in this area. On a grading scale of A+ to F, where would you grade yourself and your group?
    - How can this value and this truth of ministering to one another become an even greater reality in your group?
- ❖ **Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. Let's think about and discuss this weekend's message and how it focused on "every member a messenger".**
  - What "struck home" with you from the message?
  - Randy talked about there needing to be both the "will and the way" for us to be effective messengers for Christ.
    - What affects a Christian's "will" to communicate the gospel to the Lost?
    - Have you ever/are you now struggling with the "will" aspect of this message? Be specific with your struggle as you discuss this in your group.
    - How would you evaluate "the way"? Do you feel equipped and able to witness to someone who doesn't know Christ?
    - Have you ever participated in our church's evangelism training?
    - Randy said we all have to find "a way" that resonates with our personality and giftedness, that there are many ways to bring the gospel to someone. Discuss the various ways this can play out in a person's life by using your own experiences and situation as a guide.
  - Why should we seek to "proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light"?

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**Think About It**

*Peter's declaration of our 'peoplehood' in Christ has vast consequences for the life of the church of Christ. The church is not just a religious association formed by saved individuals to give united expression to their faith. Rather, the church is more a people than Israel was under the old covenant. Scattered in the world, indeed, as Israel was in dispersion, but a people nonetheless, bound together in the community of those who are united to one another as surely as they are united to their Lord. Church fellowship is not an optional advantage, to be chosen or ignored, like membership in a social club. It is the calling of every Christian. There is a spiritual 'ethnicity' to the church of Christ; Christians are blood relatives, joined by the blood of Jesus Christ.<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Clowney, E. P. (1988). [\*The message of 1 Peter: the way of the cross\*](#) (p. 94). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

## WORSHIP RESOURCE

February 10, 2019 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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### WORSHIP SONGS

#### THE LION AND THE LAMB

**Words and Music by Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring, 2015**

He's coming on the clouds kings and kingdoms will bow down,  
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare  
His praise. For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion the Lion of Judah, He's roaring with power  
and fighting our battles, and every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb the Lamb that was slain, for the sins of the  
world His blood breaks the chains, and every knee will bow before  
the Lion and the Lamb, every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates make way before the King of kings.  
Our God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

#### GOOD GOOD FATHER

**Words and Music by Paul Barrett and Anthony Brown, 2014**

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

*You're a good, good, Father, it's who You are. It's who You are;  
it's who You are. I'm loved by You, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide  
Because You know just what we need before we say a word.

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable  
I can hard think as You call me deeper still as You call me  
deeper still; As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

#### GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (BEGINNING TO END)

**Words by Thomas Chisholm, Jason Ingram, and Michael Weaver / Music by William Runyan, Jason Ingram, and Michael Weaver, 2018**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father. There is no shadow  
of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions they  
fail not. As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon and  
stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold  
witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Beginning to end, my life in Your hands.  
Great, great is Your faithfulness. You never let go,  
this one thing I know; great, great is Your faithfulness.*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Thine own dear  
presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright  
hope for tomorrow; blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness. Morning by  
morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath  
provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

### BUILD MY LIFE

**Words and Music by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, and Pat Barrett, 2016**

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You.

Jesus the name above every other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You.

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me  
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.*

I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.

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### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 117; Isaiah 57:1-13; Heb. 12:1-6; John 7:37-46  
MONDAY | Ps. 82; Isaiah 57:14-21; Gal. 6:11-18; Mark 9:30-41  
TUESDAY | Ps. 133; Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Mark 9:42-50  
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 1; Isaiah 59:1-21; 2 Tim. 1:15-2:13; Mk. 10:1-16  
THURSDAY | Ps. 16; Isaiah 60:1-22; 2 Tim. 2:14-26; Mark 10:17-31  
FRIDAY | Ps. 65; Isaiah 61:1-9; 2 Tim. 3:1-17; Mark 10:32-45  
SATURDAY | Ps. 98; Isaiah 61:10-62:5; 2 Tim. 4:1-8; Mark 10:46-52

### PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Loving God, you have called forth disciples  
and prophets to live and speak your word.  
Give us ears to hear, lives to respond,  
and voices to proclaim the good news of salvation,  
which we know in our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.



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