

SERMON GUIDE

WE GET IT

1 Peter 2:9-17 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to know me: Have you ever visited another country or a neighborhood that was very different from what you were familiar with? What did you notice about yourself that was different? What made you stand out?

Note about the passage: 1 Peter is a letter that the apostle Peter wrote to Christians scattered across a large geographic area (see 1 Peter 1:1). They are struggling to understand their place in the world. So Peter writes to remind them first of who they are in Christ (1:1-2:10) and then begins telling them how they should live in light of that.

Read 1 Peter 2:9-17

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What do you notice about this text? What do you find interesting? What do you wonder? What questions do you have about the people, events, or God?
- O** What aspects of our identity in Christ (2:9-10) or our purpose ("to proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light") stand out to you most? Is this different than the way you typically think about the church? In what way?
- O** Peter calls us "sojourners and exiles" (v.11). What kinds of challenges do sojourners and exiles face that natural-born citizens do not face? Why do you think Peter applies this metaphor to the Christian church?
- A** Is our identity as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession," "sojourners and exiles" a comfort or a challenge to you? Does it make you excited or apprehensive?
- A** In verses 11 and 12, Peter says that we're to live self-controlled and honorable lives because the world is watching. Can you think of areas of your life (work, school, home, or social life) where a higher degree of self-control or honor would benefit you, your relationships, and your example to the world?
- A** Peter says that we are to be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution (v.13). How do you make decisions about when it is appropriate or inappropriate to obey people/institutions that God has placed in authority? Give examples from your life.
- A** Peter is concerned with how the world will perceive the church. How do you think people who don't go to church view your church? Are we a church that lives as sojourners and exiles honorably? How do you/can you contribute to the character and culture of your church?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.