



# O COME LET US ADORE HIM

## SERMON GUIDE

### CREATED TO DRAW NEAR

1 Peter 2:4-10

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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 about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**rayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

## Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Have you ever met a really famous person? What was your closest "brush with fame"?

**Note On the Passage:** This reading describes followers of Jesus as both a temple, and as a "royal priesthood, a holy nation." The meaning of these phrases would have been obvious to the original audience, but temples and priests aren't common today.

If you'd like to learn more, here is an excellent video from the BibleProject: [bit.ly/3ZdqRxs](https://bit.ly/3ZdqRxs)

## Read 1 Peter 2:4-10

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Peter uses the imagery of a temple and a "royal priesthood, a holy nation" to describe followers of Jesus.
  - The temple was where people drew near to God and experienced his presence? What do you think it means that we are "being built up as a spiritual house..."? What does this reveal about our identity and purpose?
  - Priests were people set apart by God for the special service of drawing near to God for worship and prayer. What does that reveal about our identity and purpose?
- A** In the sermon this week, Pastor Tim Prince asserted that "We were created to draw near in worship," and then gave numerous examples from the Old Testament about what that means and what it looks like. How is all of this affecting your spirit and your understanding of what we do when we gather for worship?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.