

MYSTERY

DISCOVERING WHO GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE

Who are the People of God?

SUMMARY:

When you think about your identity, what comes to mind? Maybe your thoughts go to your job, relationship status, family dynamics, or hobbies. But is this the true and primary identity of God's people?

When we put our faith in Jesus, we are adopted into God's family and receive a new identity. This is where we find our place in God's story as His beloved people. But, what does this mean? How should we see ourselves in light of this truth?

1 Peter 2:9-10 details our identity as the people of God. In this passage, we learn *who we are* and *whose we are*. The people of God are His chosen race of grace. We are God's prized possessions, His people of praise. Instead of living as slaves to sin, death, and evil, God's family consists of people who are living out their calling as born-again disciples of Jesus.

The most important thing about us is our identity as children of God. When we live accordingly, we are living as the royal priests and holy nation that God calls us to be.

QUESTIONS:

Upward

What does it say about God that He calls us His prized possessions? Write or recite a prayer of adoration to God for His grace in inviting us into His family.

Inward

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What does it mean to be part of God's royal priesthood? Do you live as if this is true?

Outward

We are living through a tumultuous, divided time in our country. However, God calls us to be a holy nation, no matter where we live. How can you love your neighbors in light of your citizenship in God's holy nation?