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SESSION THREE:

“Identity”

1 Peter 2:4-12

SESSION THREE TEACHING NOTES

1. We Have a Common _____

2. We Have an Exalted _____

3. We Have a Privileged _____

SESSION THREE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

GETTING STARTED

- In what ways are you feeling like a “stranger” or a “foreigner” here on earth?
- Do you have any real-life examples of you, or someone you know, being ostracized at work, at school, by their family, or in their neighborhood?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What exactly are “spiritual sacrifices?” (1 Peter 2:5). Read Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:1-2; Hebrews 13:15-16; and Philippians 1:20. What do these verses tell us about “spiritual sacrifices?”
2. It says that Jesus, the “living stone” was “rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious” in 1 Peter 2:4. How does this reality help encourage us as “exiles” here on earth? What are some ways that you can overcome the fear of rejection by those who are not believers?
3. This section in 1 Peter 2:4-12 emphasizes that God doesn’t just save us out of sin but that He saves us to Himself and into a people, a community, a body, a church. What are some ideas for how we can live together in biblical community? How can our church help people belong, grow as disciples, and live out Christ’s mission together?
4. Peter speaks of a war that wages war against our souls (2:11). Paul describes that war in Rom. 7:21-25. Read and discuss the particulars of the war. Who is the enemy? How do we fight? Where is our victory? Think back over the last week. Can you think of an instance when your soul was at war?

TAKING ACTION

- Our identity is described in 1 Peter 2:1-12 as:
 1. “Living stones”
 2. “A spiritual house”

3. "A holy priesthood"
 4. "A chosen race"
 5. "A royal priesthood"
 6. "A holy nation"
 7. "A people for God's own possession"
 8. "God's people"
 9. "Sojourners"
 10. "Exiles"
- Which description above is most encouraging to you? Which is most challenging to you? What is one thing you could do this week to reflect your identity in Christ?

SESSION THREE GROUP PRAYER

