# The Church: Who Are We?

## 1 Peter 2:9-10

## Week of August 23, 2020

**I. Who Are We? - A People of God.**
What is so significant about Peter calling the people he was writing to a "people of God"?

What are the ways that we identify ourselves today as various people and nations and tribes?

What is good about this and what are challenges with it?

How does what we have graciously been given by Jesus transcend these categories and differences? Note 1 John 2:2

**II. Who Are We? - A People Who Have Received Mercy.**
How would you define the word "mercy" in 1 Peter 2:10?

What does Peter mean by saying that "we have not received mercy"? What does Romans 5:12 tell us about this?

How have we received mercy? Note Ephesians 2:4

How has receiving mercy changed your life on earth and your eternity?

**III. Who Are We? - A People Called From Darkness to Light.**
When the Bible uses the word "darkness" as it does in 1 Peter 2:9 what does it mean? Note 1 John 1:5

What are the challenges of doing things in the dark?

What do the following verses tell us?
Proverbs 4:19, Colossians 1:13, John 8:12

What are the ramifications of having the light of Jesus in our lives?

Examine 1 John 1:6 and Matthew 5:14-16 and Ephesians 5:8-10.
What do these verses tell us about living in the light?

**IV. Who Are We? - A People Who Declare**
What does 1 Peter 2:9 tell us that we declare? What does it mean to declare?

Why do people hide their faith away? How does this impact our declaring?

Why is fear something that causes people to avoid any contact with the world? How does this impact our declaring?

What does 1 Peter 2:9 say that we declare?

**V. Who Are We? - Titles**
What does it mean when Peter calls Christians "a chosen people"?
How does this show the grace of God to us?

How do we function as a royal priesthood when we come to God in Jesus?

The community of faith is called a "holy nation" in 1 Peter 2:9. What does it mean for us to be holy?

What difference does it make in how you live when you realize that you are God's special possession?

Describe in your own words who we are as those who have been saved by God in Jesus?