

BIG TRUTH: GOD'S CHURCH EXISTS TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:11-13; Colossians 1:28; Matthew 5:16; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:11-15

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 2:9-10

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

BIG IDEAS

- The church is a royal priesthood.
- The church is a holy people.
- The church exists to proclaim God's glory.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 4

In the early days of the church, Peter, John, and the other disciples preached the truth of the gospel boldly, even when it meant they endangered their lives. The early church served one another and ministered to each other and others. God's church is set apart for His glory. It exists for His purposes and is made holy by Him for Him.

THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father's work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

BIG AIMS



Every student should know that:

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone



Every student should feel:

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King



Every student should strive to:

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week



Every student should want:

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God's story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will consider how to discuss with our child what it means to be a holy people and a royal priesthood. We will pray with them to have a greater understanding of what it means to be a holy people for God. We will lead them to practice understanding what it means to live a holy life and fulfill the role of royal priesthood in the church.

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**Read and meditate on Acts 4 this week.**

- Ponder ways you can lead your son or daughter to live boldly for God and to pursue holiness. How can you model pursuing holiness for your son or daughter? How can you lead your son or daughter to share the gospel boldly?

Consider how you can model proclaiming the excellencies of God for your son or daughter.

- How can you lead them and encourage them to share the gospel boldly? How can you use the example of the early church to lead your son or daughter to serve in the church and share Christ with others?

**Set aside time each day this week to pray for your son or daughter.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom to know how to lead your son or daughter to share the gospel boldly. Pray for opportunities to teach your son or daughter how to serve in the church.
- Spend time praying with your son/daughter or student this week. Pray with them to understand what it means to be holy and set apart for God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help them live boldly for Christ and to pursue holiness.

**Discuss with your son or daughter practical ways that he or she can share the gospel with their friends.**

- Help them make a list of friends who are not believers and then list out a way to share the gospel for each friend.
- Discuss what the words “holy” and “priesthood” mean within the context of scripture. Help your son/daughter or student think through the significance of God calling us holy and set apart.