

# Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

February – The Heart of the Mission

Week 8: Desire to Proclaim God's Glory

## 1 Peter 2:9

- Chosen people
  - Chosen- (*eklekton*)-selected (by someone) in preference to another (or others).
  - We are God's hand selected people who belong to Him not because of our deeds but because of his selection (see Deuteronomy 7:6-8)
- Royal Priesthood
  - (*basileion hierteuma*). In Exodus the title applies to Israel, with whom God enacts his covenant at Sinai. Israel's priesthood was such that they were to mirror to the nations the glory of Yahweh, so that all nations would see that no god rivals the Lord ( also Isa 61:6).
- Holy Nation
  - (*ethnos hagian- Exod 23:22*) The church of Jesus is a people now set apart for the Lord, enjoying his special presence and favor. The next phrase, "a people belonging to God" (*eis peripoiēsin*), does not allude as clearly to any Old Testament text. The term is used in Mal 3:17 of believers who respond to the Lord's rebuke and live righteously, and so in contrast to the wicked they constitute his possession, his special people.
  - We are a nation that has been made Holy by God, not by our own righteousness.
- *What does it mean that you are chosen by God based on his preference and love not your action?*
- *How does it feel to be God's royal priesthood, chosen to mirror the glory of God to the world?*
- *Why is it important to understand that our holiness is not from our own actions?*

## 1 Peter 2:9-10

- God has chosen us, created us to be holy, and made us a royal priesthood. He has done all this so that we may proclaim the praises of His glorious might. We have been chosen to proclaim His glory not because of our actions, but because God has given us mercy. He now offers that same mercy to all those around us.
- God's purpose in choosing you, making you holy, and designating you as part of the royal priesthood is so that you may proclaim his glory, proclaim what He has done in taking you from darkness to light.
  - *Why does God want us to proclaim His glory?*
  - *What does it mean to "proclaim" His glory?*
  - *Why is proclaiming His praises connected to the fact that He called us out of darkness into light?*
  - *In what ways are you tempted to not proclaim His glory?*
  - *In what ways are you tempted to make it more about your glory, your righteousness, your strength, than God's?*

God has hand selected you to be His special possession, so you can make clearly known to the world what He has done in your life. Our testimony is the most powerful tool we have, our story of how God has taken us from darkness to light.

Application- tell someone each day your conversion story, tell 1 person each day God's praises of how He brought you out of darkness into light.