

Discussion Questions – Solid Ground: *The Priesthood of All Believers*

The message focused on The Priesthood of All Believers. Simply put, every believer in Jesus Christ now has a priestly ministry. As such, we bring people to God, and God to people. Let's dig in.

- 1) A priest has often been understood as a “bridge between God and humanity.” What is the most memorable bridge you have ever seen or crossed? Why?
- 2) What thoughts come to your mind when you hear the word “priest”? Did the message affirm positive thoughts or dispel negative ones?
- 3) In the message, Doug referred to these passages as a support for “the priesthood of all believers”: 1 Peter 2:4-10, Hebrews 4:16, John 14:26, Hebrews 13:15-16, and Revelation 5:9-10. Please read them out loud and then answer these questions.
 - How does each scripture support “the priesthood of all believers?”
 - Which part of your priestly role is most meaningful to you?
- 4) Doug made the point that God has not lowered the priesthood to our level. In Christ, God has raised us to a whole new level of privilege and responsibility (Numbers 18:21). How do you respond when you think of the high priestly calling God has given you?
- 5) Read Exodus 28:1-5 and 15-38 which describe the priestly garments of the Old Covenant. What parallels do you see to the role you now have in Christ? How are the priestly garments you read about in Exodus 28 transformed by Christ in your everyday priestly ministry?
- 6) How does Exodus 28:29 speak to your priestly ministry? Who are the people you are consistently bringing to the Lord in prayer?
- 7) How do you “declare the praises of Him who brought you out of darkness into marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9-10, Hebrews 13:15-16).
- 8) What is God saying to you about your priestly role? What are you going to do about it?

Take some moments to pray by name for those people you are going to invite to the Easter Service. Resolve to carry these names to the Lord, day after day. Regardless of whether they come to the Easter Service, don't stop praying, and don't stop declaring.