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“Surviving Life: By Finding Out - WHO Am I? (7)”

I Peter 2:9-10

Text: 1 Peter 2:9-10 (English Standard Version)

9 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. 10 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.

Getting to know me

1. Where did your ancestors come from? Have they been in America for many years or only in the last several generations?
2. What is something that you like, or dislike about your ethnic heritage?
3. How long have you been a Christian?
4. What were the circumstances that led you to believe in Christ for salvation?

Into the Bible

1. This passage is thick with references from the Old Testament. The church is described with some of the same terms as Israel. Read Exodus 19:5-6, Deut. 7:6, and Isaiah 43:20-21 to see the background of I Peter 2:9. Why does God need a people to declare his praises?
2. Point one in the sermon outline is that “you are acceptable” because God has chosen you. How does this affect your view of yourself?
3. Relate these descriptions of Christians from verse 9 and the OT passages back to Peter’s description of his readers in 1:1-2.

