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## Discussion Guide

October 28, 2018

### A Priest to the Lord

Sermon by Pastor Zach Prosser

- Read Revelation 1:6; 1 Peter 2:9
- To better understand what these verses mean by calling believers priests, we can turn to the Old Testament priesthood.

~Total holiness was demanded of them; they needed to have reverence for the presence of God.

~A divine blessing was placed on them and the wisdom required of them was passed down from generation to generation.

~They served God and man.

- Christ's sacrifice allowed us all to become chosen priests and to enter the Holy of Holies which was before forbidden to anyone but the high priests. But holiness is still required—not on our own merit, but on Christ's ability to accept our repentance and redeem us.
- In place of the Old Testament sacrifices of animals and blood, we offer spiritual sacrifices. These sacrifices take the form of worship, of burning away our fleshly, sinful natures, of taking the narrow road in faith. To know the will of God, you have to be willing to die to yourself and give up your desire to have control.
- The job of the priest is to bring others to the Lord. Likewise, we are called to share Christ with people who don't know or believe in Him. We are urged not to let this calling grow cold because of apathy, but to keep pressing in and involving ourselves in the work of God.

What about this message speaks most deeply to you? Do you struggle with reverence for God, with apathy, with the desire for control? What changes when you repent of these things and let God change you?

### Upcoming Events to Promote at Your Group

**Midweek Refresh** | Wednesdays  
7pm

**The Hope Center** | Thursdays  
10am-4pm

**Night of Hope** | November 28  
7pm

### Key Components of a Healthy Care Group

Worship  
Prayer  
Body Life Ministry  
Bible  
Discussion

*Remember to DELEGATE responsibilities to others!*

**\*Remember your Care Group benevolence offering!**  
**\*\*After your Care Group, remember to complete your online Care Group Report or email your Section Pastor.**