

# THE SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES OF PROCLAMATION

## *Sharing Jesus with Others*

### *Lesson 2*

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.

**1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)**

**INTRODUCTION:** Welcome to our second study in the Priests in Blue Jeans bible study series. You are going to be blessed and challenged in this study that speaks to the issue of sharing your faith story with others.

- **Prayer:** Invite the Holy Spirit to illuminate your spirit to God's truth in tonight's study.

**ICEBREAKER QUESTION:** What do you think about the following quote?

*“One thing Christians and non-Christian have in common is that they're both uptight about evangelism”* The Upside Down Church by Greg Laurie.

### **Bible Study Questions:**

- **Read Romans 15:14-16.**

I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another. Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. **He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God**, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:14-16 (ESV)**

### **Three Questions to Consider:**

1. What did Paul say was one of his “Priestly duties”?

2. Do you think everybody who is a believer in Christ has a responsibility of exercising this priestly duty?

Read the following words of instruction by the Apostle Peter to the Church. Notice the connect between Paul's priestly ministry and our responsibility as priests.

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.** But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. **1 Peter 3:13-16 (ESV)**

*Sharing our faith story in Christ will most likely be initiated by the people we are conversing with.*

- **Point of Interest:** In almost every case in which the Apostle Paul shares his faith in Jesus it begins with his personal testimony!
- **Share your story:** If you're doing this study in a group setting, invite the people in your group to briefly share their faith story that led them into a "personal" relationship with Christ.

3. What does the Apostle Paul tell the Roman believers will happen if he is successful in his priestly duty of sharing the gospel with others, according to Romans 15:16?

**As you share your faith story with others, God may use your testimony to lead someone into a personal relationship with Christ, which in turn would build his spiritual house and add another priest into the priesthood.**

### Great memory Verses:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **2Corinthians 5:17-21 (ESV)**

## Things to consider concerning the priestly work of sharing the gospel with others:

1. Refuse to be pushy or quarrelsome. We are not Christian salesmen trying to get a buyer. Neither are we to push our point of view on people. The man or woman of God is not to be quarrelsome.
2. Be authentic: Don't act like you have it all figured out. Let people know that you are on this journey also.
3. Pray that God leads people to you that He is working on. Remember that unless the Father draws people to Christ they won't be able to come to him (John 6)
4. If you sense someone is open to Jesus don't be afraid to ask them if they feel God's Spirit tugging on their heart? If they answer in the affirmative, encourage them to surrender their life over to him in the privacy of their bedroom. You may want to ask if they would like to pray with you about this?
5. Invite people to Church who seem open to spiritual things. After all, *Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of Christ* (Romans 10:17).
6. Take a page out of Jesus' play book and establish friendships with people in need of spiritual rebirth and or renewal. Get to know them personally over coffee or a coke. Hang out with them and take interest in them to form a closer bond.

**CLOSE IN PRAYER:** If you're doing this as a group study, ask those in your group to pray for one another, that God would provide each of you with opportunities to share your faith in the coming week.