

# 3D: DISCOVER PT 2

Take time to open in prayer with the anticipation and the expectation of the Holy Spirit revealing His will through His word.

## Recap

Take time with your group to recap the message you heard. What was the message about? Did you have any “Ah-Ha” moments (did you feel convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon)? Encourage each other to express any questions regarding the message and try to Biblically address them throughout the study. Keep the focus on the contents of the message.

## Holy Scripture:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1 Peter 2:9 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.

## Diving Deeper

**It is Belmont’s mission to DISCOVER God’s goodness, DEVELOP into His likeness, and DEPLOY into His service.**

*The discussion will center on what we believe about living by the truth of Scripture, and our identity as Priests.*

### *Scripture*

**Did you understand the correlation between Scripture, Priesthood of the believer, and the Mission? Explain:** Scripture is our sole authority for faith and practice, and Scripture tells us that we are priests who have an individual relationship with God, yet, we are part of an entire body, with the mission to reach the world with the Gospel.

**Do you believe in Sola Scriptura or Scripture alone? Why?**

**Explain how important the truth of Scripture is to the identity of the church.**

**What would happen to our mission if we were driven by culture instead of truth?** We would lose our identity and our goal would be social preference instead of gospel centered. We would no longer have a compass and would get lost in the world. *The church is a divine institution. Therefore, God must govern us.*

**What would be the eternal consequences of individuals affected by cultural Christianity rather than Scripture?** He/she would become socially accepted and not accepted by God through Christ. The Lordship of Christ would be lost in trying to make people feel accepted. Essentially, we would sweep the real problem of sin under the rug of feel good and offer an easy road to hell.

### *Priests*

*As you think about the church guided by truth, talk through these questions about individuals as priests who make up that body of truth.*

**What does 1 Peter 2:9 say about who you are as a believer?**

Vs. 9a “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession”

**What should it do for our confidence to realize who we are in Christ?**

**What are our responsibilities as priests both inside and outside the church?** Vs. 9b “...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

**Each of us contributes to the whole as individuals, but we can also hinder the whole as priests if we are not surrendered to Christ. What spiritual disciplines or practices help you nurture your identity as a priest of God?**

**Do you have any friends, family, or colleagues to whom you can proclaim the greatness of God?**

**What can you do this week to impact their lives and demonstrate God’s mercy?**

### Prayer

Take this time for you or someone in the group to pray about what you have studied and praise God for what He has graciously revealed to you. Prayer requests are welcomed and encouraged. Ask God to keep your eyes on Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

God Bless