

# We're All Priests

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## 1 Peter 2:9-10 MSG

*But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.*

What is a priest? Could Webster be wrong? **1 Timothy 2:1-5**  
Didn't Israel have priests in the Old Testament? yes, but...

**Exodus 19:1-6, Isaiah 61:6, Revelation 1:6; 5:9-10**

It was not God's original intention to establish a class of people who mediate the knowledge, presence, and forgiveness of Christ.

Martin Luther wrote, "Priest should become as common as the word Christian... there are indeed priests whom we call ministers. They are chosen from among us, and who do everything in our name."

**1 Corinthians 3:21-4:1**

But there are no experts in the company of Jesus...

we are all **followers**.

And we are all **priests** - able to communicate grace and forgiveness

Eugene Petterson writes, "The priesthood of all believers is not an arrogant individualism... it is a confession of mutuality, a willingness to guide one another in following in the way of Jesus, to assist and encourage."

We were designed for relationship. **Genesis 1-2**

We need each other. *And life is better together.*

We often look to **Acts 2:42-47** as a model for the church.

These elements can be practiced with a friend, with a group of people, or in a building full of people.

Let's gather in smaller groups to walk with each other, encourage one another, and be priests to one another.

# WE COME SERVE STAND GROW GIVE GO TOGETHER

**DOOR HANGERS** Grab a bundle at the church Bundles of 20 are available for pick up to distribute in your neighborhood. You can also volunteer to be a part of the followup process. Email Julie at [julie@ntcmassena.com](mailto:julie@ntcmassena.com) to learn how.

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*this week...*

**CROSS CURRENT** Join on Zoom Tonight and Friday at 7pm  
7th-12th graders are encouraged to tune in on the Cross Current Facebook page for a link to join the conversation on the Zoom App.

**PRAY TOGETHER** New Times! Join us on Zoom on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8am, Wednesdays at 8pm, and on Facebook Live Thursdays at 8am. Links and information can be found on our Facebook page.

*coming up...*

**THERE IS MORE MARRIAGE WEEKEND** Rescheduled Our Marriage Weekend has been rescheduled for October 16th-17th. If you have already registered you are all set. If the new dates don't work for you we can refund you at any time.



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