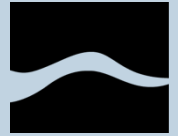


SERMON NOTES

BE THE CHURCH IN JOYFUL PRIVILEGE

1 Peter 2:4-10



BIG IDEA: Our greatest privilege is not what we do for God, but what God has done for us in Christ.

APPLICATION GUIDE

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

DISCUSS

When you hear the word “privilege,” what comes to mind—and how is that different from how Peter uses the word in this passage?

EXPLORE

What does the image of the living stones communicate about our union and stability with Christ (vv. 4-5)?

What contrasts does Peter draw between believers and unbelievers in verses 6–8 and verse 10?

How do the titles in verse 9 (chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, God’s possession) shape the church’s identity and mission?

APPLY

Do you relate to God more from performance or from privilege? In what ways might you try to earn what Christ has already secured?

Where are you tempted to feel unstable, insecure, or ashamed? How does the promise “will not be put to shame” speak into that area?

In what ways might you be blending in rather than living as a holy nation? What would distinctiveness rooted in belonging look like this week?

COMMIT

“This week, I will live from mercy, not performance — and I will intentionally proclaim one excellence of God to someone else.”