

Church - The People of God



Intro

Perhaps it would be a good idea to start your meeting reading of 1 Peter 2:9-12. This is a wonderful introduction to our theme of being the people of God.

IN - helping a sense of belonging...

A helpful icebreaker: Describe a place or experience that made you feel like an alien or stranger.

How would you characterise your feelings at this time?

UP - hearing from God and growing...

The passage highlights several different progressions, What does it mean to move from darkness to light, from no mercy to receiving mercy, from not being a people to being the people of God?

In your worship choose songs and a time of thanksgiving that reflect these journeys. EG: Play the song Oceans from Hillsong and focus on the line "I am his and he is mine."

OUT - impacting others...

I am sure everyone is aware of the people crisis that we see unfolding across Europe, please use this time to pray for refugees and migrants while thinking about safety, provisions, family unity and other

issues perhaps the most important prayer is that encounter Christian community along their way and find a place of belonging.

LIFEgroup
Notes

BIBLE READING:

1 Peter 2:9-12 (NIV)

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.