



Identity

Action

WEAR

Main Point: *Peter urges his readers to, motivated by their identity as saved people, live as 'set-apart' people to declare God's praises*

- **Intro**

Introduce impact, **why** we do it etc

Explain Phil Brown's **3-P's** of impact - *prayer, presence, prep*

Ask if people remembered last study/explain silly games

- **Game 1** *the name game*

What details described to you your celebrity?

- **Read** passage / Peter 2-4-12

- **Question:** (on a scale of low hand to high hand)

What did you think of the passage?

Likes/dislikes? Understood/confused?

Make you excited about evangelism/not?

- **Into the passage...**

[List/in pairs then feedback/brainstorm - see what works]

Question:

What identity words are there?

Describing Jesus:	Describing us:
living stone (v4)	like living stones (v5)
chosen (v4)	holy priesthood (v5)
precious (v4)	chosen race (v9)
	royal priesthood (v9)
	holy nation (v9)
	god's people (v10)

- **Question:**

Which of these do you find most striking?

Are there any you don't understand?

Are there any you find hard to believe?

Study Aim: *That we, in seeing our identity as God's people, might be motivated to live for Him, declaring His praises in Durham*

- **Question:**
Why do you think Peter tells the Christians he's writing to these things?
(2·11, 1·1 as clues to the identity of the recipients, 5·12 for overall purpose of the book)
- **Question:**
What do you find hard about living as a Christian?
How might our identity here encourage us?
What encouragements did we see last time? (1·18,22,25)
- **Game 2** *the action game* (just a bit of fun/memory jog)
- **Into the passage...**
[List/in pairs then feedback/brainstorm - see what works]
Question:
What purpose words are there in this passage?
(i.e. what is the Christian's purpose...)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to be a holy priesthood (v5)• to offer spiritual sacrifices (v5)• that you may proclaim the excellencies of him... (v9)• so that ... they may see your good deeds and glorify God... (v12)

- **Question:**
How will all this cash out - practically?
Will it involve changing beliefs, attitudes, actions?
[confident in works or identity? me: ask house about distinctiveness]
- **Pray** together that this won't have just been an academic exercise, but that we would apply what we've learnt/discussed

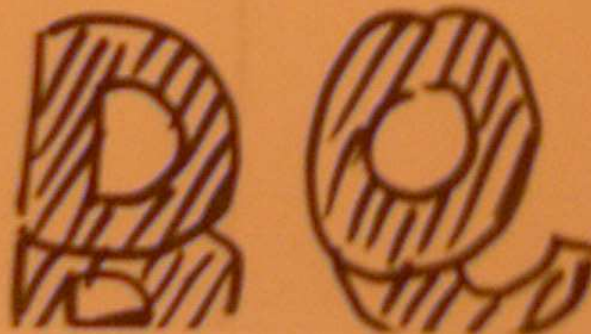
Xtian

Jesus

chosen
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~~royal~~ Priesthood

(like) living stones
chosen race
royal priesthood
a holy nation
a people for his possession
God's people

chosen
precious
living stone
stone of stumbling
cornerstone
the rock of offence



"done by
theology"

• As you come to him

• being built up as spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood to offer
spiritual sacrifice

• that you may proclaim the excellencies
of him who called you out of
darkness

• keep your conduct among the gentiles
honourable

application

