



BIG IDEA

We bring hope to others by understanding “once we were” “but now we are” “that we may.”

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Recall a time when you were younger, and you had a wish. How does this differ from hope or a wish that you might have today?

Discuss the differences between the lives of those who follow Christ and of those who do not. What stands out to you about the characteristics of those who do follow Christ?

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Matthew 5:14-16. Based on what we know about the characteristics of those who follow Christ, what themes are you noticing?

How does this week’s big idea challenge your understanding of what it means to live as a follower of Christ?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What feelings come to mind when you hear the word priest? Do those feelings change after reading **Matthew 5:14-16**? Why or Why not?

In the message, we learned that as priests we represent God to people. How does this realization challenge you?

Read Matthew 7:24-27. As those in your life observed you over the past year, would it be clear where you have built your foundation? In what way?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

How would you live your life differently if you saw yourself as a priest in your community?

What might our conversations begin to look like if we entered into them without judgement, but instead with a mindset of who we are as priests?

In what ways can you be a priest to someone in your life this week?
Spend a few minutes as a group in listening prayer. Ask God what that might look like for you.

