TERRENCE TURMAN

Executive Pastor: Spiritual Formation & Care

- (53%) of non-Christian teens in the U.S. are somewhat to very motivated to learn more about Jesus.
- · (74%) of U.S. adults want to grow spiritually and (77%) believe there is a higher power.
- · (71%) of U.S. adults had a positive perspective of Jesus.

Barna Group, 2023

- · (57%) say they wonder, "How can I find more meaning and purpose in my life?" at least monthly,
- · (81%) believe there is an ultimate purpose and plan for every person's life.
- · (68%) say a major priority in their life is finding their deeper purpose.
- · (73%) say it's important they pursue a higher purpose and meaning for their life.

Lifeway Research, 2021

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

"The moment someone knows you are a Christian, you become an evangelist and the moment they ask you a question [regarding your faith], you become an apologist."

 Preston Perry, Evangelist and Author of How to Tell The Truth "Preach the gospel at all times."
And if necessary, use words."

Romans 10:14-15

But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!

- "Preach the gospel at all times, and however you like... but at some point, we all need to face the discomfort of using some words as part of that."
 - Matthew Saunders, Christianity Today

Invitation:

Accept The Call To Be A <u>Prepared</u> Witness for Jesus....Willing To Use Words..... Right where God Has You

Thesis:

By The Power of The Holy Spirit, Who We Are In Christ, Is Who We Are For Christ

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. 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.

You are a <u>Chosen People</u>

Application:

To Be Chosen In Christ for Salvation <u>Is To Be</u>

<u>Enlisted For His Mission</u>.

Question:

Where in your life are you currently on mission to take the gospel?

You are a Royal Priesthood

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us"

Application:

As Royal Priest we live from reconciled lives working to reconcile others to God through belief in Jesus.

Question:

Who are those in your life right now that need reconciliation with God and How can you begin to make an appeal for Christ?

You are a Holy Nation and God's Special Possession

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

MATTHEW 10:33

But whoever disowns Me before others, I will disown before My Father in heaven.

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Application:

As a member of God's Holy Nation and as His special possession, You are set apart in purpose, on purpose for His purposes.

New Daily Practice:

Turn my eyes from looking at what is worthless; give me life in Your ways. – Psalm 119:37

You are a <u>Light</u> and <u>City On A Hill</u>



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Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always remaining with you perpetually regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion, even to the end of the age.