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**1 Peter 2:9-10** - "[9] But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; [10] who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

### TAKING IT HOME

7) Who do you have the most influence on right now in life?

What can you be doing differently to be a better, godly influence to those around you?

Who are the most influential people in your life right now?

What can you be doing differently to *limit* any ungodly influence in your life?

8) Looking back at your notes and homework, what do you most need to remember or put into practice?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for the persecuted church in Nigeria.
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## Life Group Homework For the week of May 15, 2022

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) Samuel's family was not perfect, but his parents did regularly come and worship the Lord - even though the nation and priests were corrupt! When you were growing up, in what way(s) did your parent(s) give you a godly example to follow?

Other than parents, did you have anyone else you looked up to spiritually? If so, in what ways?

### REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we read how Eli's sons increased their sin and wickedness, while Samuel continued to minister before the LORD. What stands out to you from the following Psalm?

**Psalm 1:1-6** - "[1] Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; [2] But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. [3] He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. [4] The ungodly

are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. [5] Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. [6] For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Why do you think the wicked priests, Hophni and Phineas, continued to "live for the flesh"?

What are some modern examples of the "counsel of the ungodly" or the "path of sinners"?

What does this Psalm encourage us to do?

4) In the Old Testament, the priests acted as mediators between God and people. What do the following passages teach us about Jesus, our *High Priest*?

**Hebrews 7:23-25 NLT** - "[23] There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. [24] But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. [25] Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

**Hebrews 7:26-27 NLT** - [26] He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven. [27] Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day.

They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins."

**Hebrews 10:11-14 NKJV** - "[11] And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. [12] But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, [13] from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. [14] For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

In what ways is Jesus the perfect *Mediator* between God and man?

5) How does the following passage encourage you to come to Jesus?

**Hebrews 4:15-16** - "[15] For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Can you think of any *lies* that are shattered by this passage?

6) What do the following passages teach us about influence?

**Proverbs 12:26** - "The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray."