

Sermon Title: Hopefull: Of Marvelous Light

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-12

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- 1. You are wanted by God, everyone is. How does that impact the way that you engage with God? How does that impact the way you engage with people?
- 2. Peter uses four descriptions of the church in 1 Peter 2:9: (1) chosen race, (2) royal priesthood, (3) holy nation, and (4) people for his own possession. Which one resonates with you most and why? Is there one that does not resonate with you?
- 3. The contrast between "darkness" and "marvelous light" is significant. How do each of these reflect your life before Christ and after your confession in Christ?
- 4. How do we "proclaim the excellencies of him who called [us] out" (1 Peter 2:9)? How do we share that?
- 5. In 1 Peter 2:10, Peter says, "Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." Why is it important to remember the were not/had not moments of our life as we live in the now you are/now you have?
- 6. Peter urges the church as "sojourners and exiles." This is a key theme of the letter and indicates that Christians will consistently feel out of place. Has this been true for you?
- 7. Rather than withdrawing from the culture around them, Christians are to live as citizens of heaven. How does your life reflect this? In what ways do you need to grow?
- 8. "Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable" (1 Peter 2:12). Why is this an important witness and testimony for Christians?
- 9. How do the holy conduct and good deeds of Christians speak against any charges that could be levied against them?
- 10. You are the greatest evangelist to those around you. How does that manifest in your day to day life? What do you find difficult/ easy about sharing your faith?