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Our Goals

A God sent Christ to serve as priest → Learn to have God's compassion

B Christ serves as our priest → Learn how to rely on Christ

C We serve as priests to others → Learn to care and pray for others

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5)

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A Being Compassionate

Christ served as priest before God

1) The Need for a Priest
"... He (Christ) Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors." (Isaiah 53:12)
• List two things Christ did.

2) The Obedience Priest
"Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation" (Hebrews 5:8-9; 9:27-28).

3) Our Response
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

sinners → Christ obedience → Eternal salvation

Ponder often why He would love us so.

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B Relying on Christ

Christ serves us as our priest

1) Christ's Intervention and Intercession
"So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you; intercede with the LORD, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people" (Num 21:7).
"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he shall live. And it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived" (Numbers 21:8-9).

2) Christ's Strength And Care
"Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us" (Romans 8:34).

Have you been deeply aware of your sin before God? How did you respond?

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C Caring for Others

We serve as priests to others

♦ 1 Peter 2:5 holy priesthood
♦ 1 Peter 2:9 royal priesthood

1) Our Calling as Christians
"You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5).
• For what purpose were you made a priesthood? _____

2) The Need for Action
"And He saw that there was no man, And was astonished that there was no one to intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him; And His righteousness upheld Him" (Isaiah 59:16).
(1) Be clean: Harbor no unconfessed sin and live uprightly.
(2) Be confident: Believe God can mightily wants to use your prayers.
(3) Be compassionate: Care about those around you.

Have you given up on prayer? Don't. Be a faithful interceder.
