

Icebreaker

Tell about the first time you remember playing golf, even goofy golf. Have you ever shot a hole in one while golfing? Or been with someone who did?

The Scorecard for Right Now

“The vision isn't always about defining what will be. Sometimes vision is about defining what is right now. We can learn a lot from Peter about how he defined reality for the church in the middle of a crisis and he created this vision that compelled the church forward with a clear score board.”

#1 Remember who you are and remind each other.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, **exiles scattered throughout the provinces** of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia... **Grace and peace be yours in abundance.**

- What would need to shift inside of you to become more open to grace and peace in abundance?
- How would being open to grace and peace in abundance remind you of who you are?
- What did Jeff mean when he said we need to remember who we are and remind others who they are?
 - How do you remind people who they are in grace and peace without being annoying?

#2 Remember who you are and what you are here to do.

1 Peter 2:9-12.

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...¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God....

***A royal priesthood represents God to everyone else, they served God and others like ambassadors. God poured his life and his blessing into us, filling us up so it can overflow onto other people.

- Jeff said, “Everywhere you go, there is the church, because people are the church. Is this a new idea or a much needed reminder for you?”
- In what arenas is it easy for you to remember you are the church? How does this idea sit

with you? Are some arenas easier than others to remember who you are and what you are here to do as a follower of Jesus?

- How often do you link, experience or acknowledge the two truths of God filling us with grace and peace in abundance and then abundant grace and peace overflowing onto others? What would change if you linked these two together?
 - How would your prayers change?
 - How would the way you think about yourself change?
 - How would the way you approach grief change? Grief about the pandemic?
 - How would the way you approach uncertainty change?
- How does all of this relate to Jeff's statement, "God doesn't have a mission for the church, God has a church for His mission. Everyday we are invited to live our life like we are on a mission trip?"
- **Now, how will you bless others right where you are? That's the box on the scorecard for you to figure out. How will you do that this week?**

#3 Remember who God is.....

Lamentations 3:19-30

I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness,
the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed.
I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—
the feeling of hitting the bottom.

But there's one other thing I remember,
and remembering, I keep a grip on hope:
God's loyal love couldn't have run out,

his merciful love couldn't have dried up.
They're created new every morning.
How great your faithfulness!
I'm sticking with God (I say it over and over).
He's all I've got left.

God proves to be good to the man who passionately waits,
to the woman who diligently seeks.
It's a good thing to quietly hope,
quietly hope for help from God.

It's a good thing when you're young
to stick it out through the hard times.
When life is heavy and hard to take,
go off by yourself. Enter the silence.

Bow in prayer. Don't ask questions: Wait for hope to appear.

- What does it mean to quietly hope for help from God?
- Have you ever entered the silence when life is heavy and hard to take? How was that?
- Did you ever learn to lament? Who taught you? Who stopped you?
- How do you personally know when help arrives?