**![C:\Documents and Settings\Dan\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AS4WMIWL\MCj04339030000[1].png]()** Gospel Sharing study 2 The Priority of People

**![C:\Documents and Settings\Dan\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AS4WMIWL\MCj02925940000[1].wmf]()Key verse:** 1 Peter 2:9.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**Big Idea:** The TASK of God’s people is to declare the praises of Jesus Christ in every situation.

Kick Off

Last week for homework you were asked to consider your conversion story. Spend time now sharing your stories with the group and assessing them in relation to their clarity and ability to point to and praise Jesus as the hero of your life.

STUDY
Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.

1. Peter is talking to believers here. What is the big point these Christians are to remember from v10 and why is this important for them and us to remember?

2. What reasons can you think of as to why Peter emphasises so strongly that we are God’s chosen people, his holy priesthood, his holy nation and his personal possession in v9?

3. So in remembering the gospel from v10 and in understanding our security from v9, what are we to be doing with our life v9?

4. The TASK of declaring the praise of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light ought not to be separated from everyday living. The difference is us having a clear and unambiguous gospel intention in the routine of life.
How can you declare God’s praise is these everyday settings:

- in your street with a neighbour?

- in a business meeting at the office?

- with your family over dinner?

- in hospital recovering from something?

Read Mark 2:1-12

5. If Jesus is as good as we claim he is then shouldn’t our big aim in life be to get people we love to Jesus? Why do we struggle to do this?

6. What things drive the men to bring their paralysed friend to Jesus?

7. What is blocking the way to Jesus and how would you describe the action the men took to overcome the obstacles? How much harder would it have been if there was only one man helping?

8. How do Jesus’ words in v5 help us to see that no matter who we think about they are in desperate need of Jesus?

THINK AND APPLY

a. Think of someone you personally know who isn’t a Christian. What obstacles are blocking the way for you to get that person to Jesus?

b. Spend some time now writing down and sharing a feasible action plan you will initiate to see if you can get your friend to Jesus.

PRAYER

**For next week**

**Read**

**John 17:20-23**

**What can you pray about arising from this study?**