

## Rediscover Church: What is the Church? Discussion Questions for 1 Peter 2:9-12

### **Open It**

What is your ethnic heritage and how has it influenced you?

### **Explore It**

What status did Peter ascribe to believers in Christ? (2:9)

How does our past compare with our present condition? (2:10)

From what did Peter urge his readers to abstain? Why? (2:11)

Why is it important for believers to live good lives? (2:12)

### **Get It**

How could being disobedient to God cause someone else to stumble?

How does being chosen by God for a special task make you feel?

What are the implications of believers being a chosen people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation?

In what way were you in darkness before you became a believer?

When have you felt that you were at war with sinful desires?

Why is it so hard to abstain from sinful desires?

Why do we need encouragement to live good lives among non-Christians?

What good deeds in your life do non-Christians see?

How can we do good deeds so they are both a witness and a discrete act of service (that is, not merely for show)?

What does it mean to live a good life?

To what people can your good deeds be a witness?

### **Apply It**

From what specific sinful desires will you ask God to help you abstain this week?

What good deeds can you use as a witness to your neighbors?

How do you need to change your plans for the near future so that you will be an example to the unbelievers with whom you have regular contact?