

WELCOME (15 minutes)

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite thing you have done so far this summer? What are you most looking forward to doing before summer is over?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- Sing #1 “**Who you say I am**” from the **2019** Small Groups Worship CD

WIN (15 minutes)

- **PRAY** for unsaved people you as a group are reaching out to!
- **PLAN** something fun to do in the remaining days of summer to reach out to others!

WORD (25 minutes)

1. What is your overall reaction to Steven’s presentation from Sunday? What parts most resonated with you and why?
2. Talk about seeing the whole Bible as one continuous story. Did any parts of the Biblical story come alive to you in a new way? Talk about it.
3. Have everyone turn to and someone read aloud 1 Peter 2:9-10. In Steven’s presentation, he showed how the people often forgot who they were and resisted or complained. How has this ever happened to you? When and how are you ever guilty of losing your sense of identity as God’s chosen and loved possession and how does that “forgetting” ever cause you to lose right perspective during life’s events?
4. In focusing on the story of God’s people, they were often guilty of “compulsive bowing syndrome” – seemingly never meeting an idol they didn’t like! We aren’t any different – what are the idols you are guilty of often being drawn toward?
5. Talk about how, in the story of God’s people, everything was moving toward Jesus who would wear the garments of prophet, priest, and king! Why is it so important to see the entire Bible as all pointing to Jesus and ultimately the cross – both as what was being looked forward to and, for us today, as what we are constantly looking back to?
6. Have someone read aloud 1 Peter 1:1-5. If we are in Christ, we too are part of God’s chosen people – **He chose you!** What sense of hope does it give you to respond to the questions – “*Do you know what it’s like to be chosen? And do you know what it’s like to choose back right – with all your heart, soul and might?*”

WORKS (25 minutes)

- Break into smaller groups of **2 or 3’s of the same gender** and pray for each other!