

DEVOTION
Session One

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-10

Song: "We Are Marching" (TFWS #2235b)

Reading: Ministry for All

Who is a "minister"?

Pastors

They practice the ministry of *identity*.

Their work is among believers, as internists in Christ's body.

They are called to teach me about my potential in Christ.

I need this ministry to prevent *amnesia*—

that disease of the mind that causes me to forget who I am as a Christian.

I am a minister too!

I practice the *ministry of vitality*.

My work is in the world, as a farmer, a soldier, an ambassador;

I am called to be salt, light, and leaven in a sick and broken world—

Monday through Saturday.

The world needs this ministry to protect it from *anemia*—

that disease of the blood that slowly robs the system of its health.

All Christians are in *ministry!*

(Pete Hammond, *Lessons, Prayers & Scriptures on the Faith Journey* [Intervarsity/USA Marketplace], 72.)

Prayer: I have heard your call to priesthood, my Lord. I have heard your call to be in mission and ministry.
Thank you for calling me out of darkness into your marvelous light.
May I declare your praises in all that I am and in all that I do! Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.
Let your good spirit lead me on a level path. Amen.
(Psalm 143:10)