

BFEC “Seek First” Churchwide Series 2021
“Living with Royals” (1 Peter 2:9; Colossians 1:9-14)
10 am Service, Sunday, 3 October 2021

Sermon Outline

How do we seek first the kingdom of God together as the church community in BFEC?

By:

- (i) Being spurred by our **Royal Priority** (ref. 1 Pet 2:9; cf. Isa 43:20-21; Mt 5:14-16; Eph 3:10-11)

The church exists ultimately for the praise and glory of God. This is our “Royal Priority.” Our church life and activities must be driven and fuelled by our Royal Priority.

- (ii) Performing our **Royal Service** (ref. 1 Pet 2:9, cf. 1:23; 2:4-5, 12; 4:8-9; Ex 19:6; Mt 5:16; Titus 2:10; Col 3:11, 16; Eph 4:11-13; Gal 6:1-2; Heb 10:24-25; Rom 10:14; 1 Tim 3:15; 2 Tim 1:8-12; 2:1-2)

The church witnesses to the kingdom of God and praise of his glory through its ministries of word and deed in community, centred on the gospel. This is our “Royal Service.”

- (iii) Praying for our **Royal Power** (ref. Col 1:9-14)

The church’s life and ministry are enabled and sustained by the power of God. This is our “Royal Power” which we depend on and for which we must constantly pray.

Discussion Questions

(Royal Priority)

- From your observations, what would you conclude is the one thing we are most passionate about and which most drives what we do as a church?
- Reflect on Psalm 67. What’s the most important thing to the psalmist here? To what extent can you identify with the sentiments of the psalmist?
- How can we help one another in church to grow in our love and passion for God and His glory?

(Royal Service)

- How would you cultivate deeper relationships with church members with interests and/or backgrounds that are different from yours?
- What do you talk about most with other church members outside of church? How can we promote the speaking of God’s word between church members outside of a church setting?
- How can we cultivate more spiritually intentional relationships between BFEC members (e.g. within your cell group)?

(Royal Power)

- How does being filled with the knowledge of God’s will help us to live a life worthy of the Lord and to please him in every way? (Colossians 1:9-10)
- What have you learnt from Paul’s prayer in Colossians 1:9-14 about how to pray and what our prayer priorities should be, both for ourselves and for others?