

# LBM Small Group Materials



What? Me a Priest? – Week Two: October 9th

## For Small Group Leaders

*Dear Leaders,*

*Last week our home group in West Davis went through week #1 of the LBM small group materials. Some of the questions we used, some we didn't. We did not have enough time to do all that I had hoped and it did not go quite the way I planned, but, we did interact together on wonderful truths from God's Word about serving and living beyond ourselves. And our lives were a little bit different because of it. As I said last week, life change, rather than information and theology, is the goal of these **small group materials**. Keep praying as you prepare. God will work. When we rely upon him, the Holy Spirit will prepare us and help us to creatively use these ideas and questions.*

*Let me remind you about the **Spiritual Life Notebook** (available at FBC on Sunday mornings). Over time, as people develop the habit of using them, they can be a great resource for groups. As a group leader you can provide opportunities during group meetings for members to share from their notebooks the things that God is teaching them. You might try it this week.*

*Have fun this week and may God work mightily,  
Scott Wieking*

## **Discussion Starters:**

- Ask each person who is willing, to share something from their Spiritual Life Notebook regarding what God is teaching them. It may be something from Glen's sermons or something from their daily reading, but give each person a chance to share. Even if some don't yet have a notebook, have them share something that they are learning. If this opener seems too intimidating for your group have them instead turn to one other person and share what they are learning.
- Ask your group to brainstorm the names of famous priests from movies or TV shows. Ask the group whether they have positive or negative feelings and thoughts about the word, "priest."

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Read together 1 Peter 2:4-12. What strikes you about Peter's description of the Christian community? How many of you in our group think of yourself as a priest?
2. It has been suggested that the church has become "consumer oriented" and gradually shifted into a mindset whereby paid professionals do the ministry for us. The result is what some have called "consumer Christianity." Do you agree that Christianity in America has become consumer oriented? If so what have you seen? What happens to a church like FBC when people approach it based on "what's in it for me" rather than being Christ-centered.
3. Share a time in your life when your faith was somewhat "me-centered." What impact did it have on you?
4. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. According to Paul, what is at risk if we allow only the "FBC ministerial staff" to do ministry?
5. Would you say that FBC as a congregation favors a consumer mentality or a "priesthood of all believers" mentality?  
**Leader Note:** Depending upon the mood of the group at this point in the discussion you might consider stopping for just a moment and praying for FBC, asking God to make us a church of priests.
6. What is our role according to Paul in Eph. 4:11-16?

**Group Reflection** – Share about a recent time when someone acted as a priest to you. What did they do or say and what impact did it have on you?

**Leader Note:** As a follow-up to the last question, have group members turn to a neighbor in the group and have them share a situation or relationship they are in right now in which they have a chance to care for someone as a priest.

**Putting LBM into Practice** – Ask everyone in your group to try an experiment tomorrow. Ask everyone to pretend they are a priest for the day. Instead of thinking of themselves as a teacher, lawyers, or however they think of themselves, ask them to wear the identity of a priest. For one day. Ask them to be aware of any differences they see in their lives as a result. If your group is up to it, ask people to email their impressions to each other within the next 24-36 hours.