

03.30.25 Facilitator “Zechariah: Accused, Redeemed Ambassadors” Tim Rice

Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD our Redeemer and Defender. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He rebukes Satan as he accuses those who truly belong to Christ.
2. How have you been convinced of your guilt before God but you’ve doubted Jesus’ ability to cleanse you? Confess your unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to assure you by helping your unbelief.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for being stripped in our place on the Cross so that we could be clothed. Thank Him for bearing the accusations we deserve so that we could have His place of acceptance with the Father!
4. Who do you know that represents Jesus well? Pray for them, asking the Lord 1) to help them to remain faithful (and actually grow in faithfulness) and 2) to help you learn from them.
5. Read again 1 Peter 2:9. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you “proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” Pray for words with people who don’t know Jesus, and especially a gracious attitude toward them.

Discussion Questions:

- Was it well with your soul walking into the Weekly Church Gathering? How was your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc.?
- Notice how the Lord nourished you and others in Church:
 - o What believers did you see being used by Jesus to serve others?
 - o How did the Gospel dwell richly in you through the singing and liturgy?
 - o In what way did the Spirit encourage or console you through the spiritual interaction with another brother or sister in Christ?
- Read the passage of the sermon together and discuss.

Specific Sermon Discussion Questions: Zechariah 3:1-9

A. Accused Before God

- What does the name Zechariah mean?
- What is it like to be accused? And what do you do when your conscience agrees with your accusers?
- How does our society define guilt? What are we referring to when we talk about guilt in the Biblical context?

B. Atonement: Defended & Cleansed

- What would it mean to be defended by the LORD?
- What is the wonder of the Gospel in its **totality**?

C. A Sign of His Grace

- How does a sign always point beyond itself to something else?
- A sequence of questions: What does it mean for you to be a sign? If someone were to read your life, what do people around you learn? Looking at you leads them to look at what else? How does this relate to our priestly behavior? And lastly how does Jesus perfectly fulfill these questions as our Great High Priest?