

## **ANYBODY HOME?** Ephesians 2:19–22

September 1, 2019

1. Icebreaker: What are phrases or cultural idioms you heard while growing up or see on social media that may feel true but aren't?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:9–10 & Ephesians 2:19–22. Do you see yourself as part of the priesthood of believers? Part of God's temple? Why or why not? What would it look like for you and your sphere of influence to live that out practically?
3. There are different roles in the body of Christ, but every disciple has a role. Consider Ephesians 4:7–11 & 1 Corinthians 12. How do we biblically discern what is a pastor/staff role and what is a role for everyone?
4. In light of the last question, what are you contributing to the building up of New Hope Church?
5. Read Hebrews 4:14–16 & 1 Timothy 2:4–6. What does it mean that Jesus is the great high priest and the only mediator? How does that drive His behavior? Spend time thanking Jesus for who He is. What does it look like to personally trust Him as the great high priest and mediator?
6. Think of a very normal part of your weekly rhythms that seem mundane to you (drinking juice, doing laundry, driving your car). Read Romans 12:1–2. Discuss what it would look like to do that activity as a living sacrifice to bring glory to God.
7. As you go into your spheres of influence this week, pray for opportunities to give Jesus credit for His work in your life.