



MINISTER AS PRIESTS



Skill

Minister as Priests is embracing our new identity as Yahweh's adopted children and Jesus' coheirs. We are spiritual leaders pursuing holiness together.

Design

Minister as Priests (royal priest) > The crown illustrates the identity of every disciple as a priest. The cross and heart illustrate how we are living sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2). The rod defends and the staff guides. The **sketch** is a sword and shield illustrating the living and active Word that penetrates to the soul and reveals truth (Hebrews 4:12-13). Our faith protects us from the enemy's attacks and commands mountains into the sea (Matthew 21:21).

Story

Living Stone Priests (1 Peter 2:1-10)

This story demonstrates Minister as Priests as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Peter telling ordinary men and women that their spiritual identity is a royal priesthood. Every disciple carries a leadership mantle of holiness and bold testimony. Every believer is anointed with divine power to be holy, to grow in spiritual maturity, and to proclaim Christ's kingdom to all nations.

Scriptures

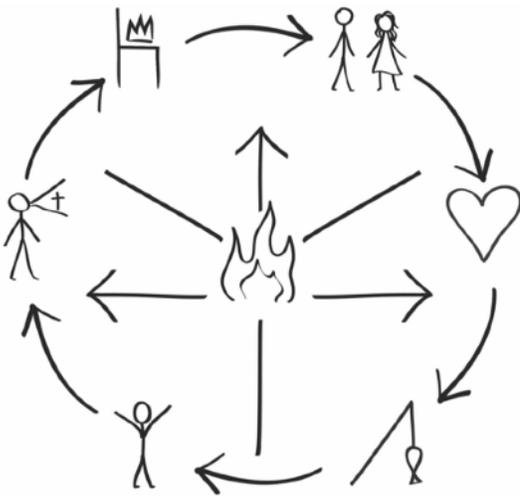
Numbers 6:24-27 > May Yahweh bless you and protect you; may Yahweh make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may Yahweh look with favor on you and give you peace. In this way My priests will proclaim My name over My people, and I will bless them.

John 20:22-23 > Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, their sins remain."

Lesson Summary

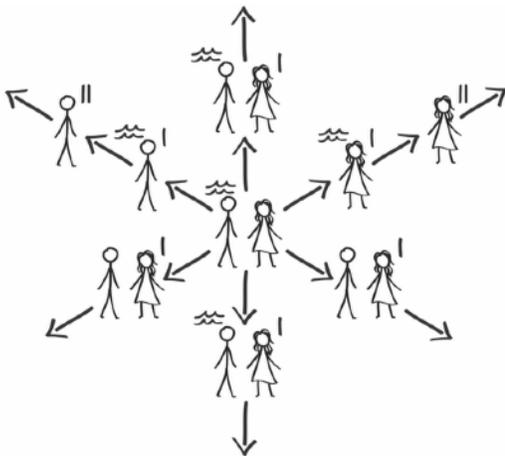
Minister as Priests begins in Father Yahweh's presence. When Jesus cried out "It is finished!" and died, our Heavenly Father ripped apart the Holy Temple curtain from top to bottom illustrating the world-changing reality that Jesus' death paid the debt of all mankind's sin; past, present, and future (Matthew 27:50-53). Because of Jesus' blood and body sacrifice, we are free to enter into God's presence, commune with Him, catch His vision for our lives, and minister His kingdom to all those who have yet to reconcile with Him (Hebrews 10:19-25). We are agent's of Yahweh's peace movement (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?