Gracious God, you have formed the Church to be the Body of Christ in this world. Help us to preach and pray and love and serve so that you might be revealed in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In this lesson, we'll learn about the scriptural basis for the Priesthood of All Believers.
Part 1 Priesthood of All Believers - Watch First Video Segment Before Answering Part 1 1. Read Hebrews 4:14-5:10 a. In verse 15, how does the author of Hebrews describe Jesus, our high priest?
b. If a "priest" is one who mediates the relationship between God and the people, why might it be beneficial that Christ is described in this way?
c. In verses 5:1-4 we are told that what the role of priests is. In verse 5 the writer writes "So also Christ" What does he say about Jesus as high priest?
d. If that is true about Jesus, what does it say about us who are part of the Priesthood of all Believers?
2. Read Hebrews 9:11-15 a. In what way does the scripture writer say that Jesus overturned the Old Testament practice of the temple priests offering sacrifices (verses 11-12)?

b. In what way is Jesus now the only mediator we ever need between us and God (verses 13-15)?

Part 2 Role of the Priesthood - Watch Second Video Segment Before Answering Part 2 3. Read 1 Peter 2:1-10 a. As a "royal priesthood" what are we called to do?
b. What do you think it means to be built into a "spiritual house" in verse 5?
c. What do you think it means to offer "spiritual sacrifices" in verse 5?
4. Read Acts 17:11 – Did the people that Paul and Silas teach need to have a priest interpret scripture for them?
5. Read Ephesians 4:11-13 – What were the gifts that God gave to the priests of this new Church?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-26 – Think about the discussion in the video about how in the priesthood of all believers, no one is on a higher spiritual plain than anyone else (priests not more important than laity). How do these verses support that same idea?
Part 3 What Does This Have to Do With My Life? 7. How do you think the understanding that we are all part of the priesthood of all believers could help a
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church and help the members of churches?