

Study Guide

Building Blocks of the Church

Chapter 4 – The Priesthood of the Believer.

Questions for Discussion

1. Name some of the ways in which churches distinguish between “clergy” and “laity”

2. On page 53 there are nine weaknesses of the clergy / laity system.
 - a. Why are these bad?
 - b. Can you name a few more?

3. What are some of the strengths of the priesthood of every believer (PoeB)?

4. Why do many prefer the clergy / laity system over the priesthood of every believer principle?

5. What are some of the potential dangers and risks of a PoeB operation?

6. Discuss the differences between the following forms of government:
 - a. Democracy
 - b. Mob-rule / anarchy
 - c. Theocracy
 - d. One-man-ministry

7. How are these forms of government manifested in churches and what does the Bible have to say about each?

8. Discuss the statement that “each member has a ministry or gift”

9. What do you think you should be doing in your church? (Each participant to take one minute to say where they feel they fit into the local church)

10. What spiritual quality does every believer need for the PoEB to work?

Additional resources

Articles:

1. The Church a Family

MP3s

2. A Royal Priesthood Part 1
3. A Royal Priesthood Part 2

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