

*A Unique Relationship and a Divine Purpose*

Joshua 21

February 7

1. Pastor Tom mentioned that we, like the Levites, receive a unique and special relationship with God. Read Ephesians 2:1-9. Discuss some of the benefits we receive as being Christians.
2. The Levites were supposed to live scattered throughout the nation so that they could live out their mission for God. Is it tempting to only want to spend time with your Christian friends? What are the benefits *and* the disadvantages of spending our time with only other believers? Do you see yourself as needing to spend *more* or *less* time with fellow believers?
3. One of the purposes of the Levites in the land was to instruct people in the nature and character of God. What role does biblical teaching play in our own Christian formation? What role does education play in the great commission (see Matthew 28:19-20)?
4. The second purpose of the Levites was to provide witness to the unbelieving nations of the one, true God. What are some things that prevent you from sharing your faith more? In what ways can *you* be more of a witness in your own neighborhood? In what ways could your small group become more “missional”?
5. The third purpose of the Levites was to provide safety and refuge. How is the local church (Calvary specifically), a refuge for the broken and lost in the city? What are the things that hinder us from being a place of refuge (see also 1 Corinthians 1:10 and Philippians 2:3-11)?
6. Take time to pray with your group. Ask God to give you boldness in sharing your faith. Ask God to give your small group unique ideas for reaching out to the unbelievers around you.