

Small Group Questions – July 24/22

Read Zechariah 3:1-10

1. The high priest Joshua stood accused before God, with the devil levying charges against him. In what ways do we experience the devil, or even ourselves, levy charges against ourselves and others to inflict us with guilt and shame?
2. God rebukes the devil and the angel of Yahweh removes Joshua's filthy clothes (symbolising Israel's covenant disobedience) and vests him with pure garments (reinstated to his high priestly ministry). How have you experienced the forgiveness and restoration of Jesus in your own life?
3. After pardoning and vesting Joshua with pure garments, God re-commissions him with the assurance that, should he continue in obedience, the people of Israel will be the executors of God's holy estate and enjoy access to His presence. How and in what ways do we fulfill our Christian role as a royal priesthood in this world?
4. The angel of Yahweh foretold to Joshua of a time that the Servant of God, the Branch, will come to set a foundation stone of a House whose God is the architect, founded upon an event when the sin of the land is removed in a single day. This looks forward to Jesus Christ who founded God's House on earth upon the cross, removing the sins of the world in a single day. If the cross is the foundation of God's House, how does this foundation inform and transform our ministry in the world as a royal priesthood?