

I. Our need to understand our context.

Gen 3:22;
Ex 5:2; 6:7;
John 8:32

- A. Man's quest for knowledge is built in.
- B. Facing a Middle East that does not make sense.
 - 1. The Big Stick.
 - 2. The Short Stick
 - 3. The "Silent Majority".

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

II. Our need to project a correct image of who we are.

Gen 42:1;
Ezra 5:11;
Ps 100:3;
Rom 8:37;
I Cor 3:9

- A. Loser?
- B. Crusader?
- C. Slave Trader?
- D. Inquisitor?
- E. Colonizer?
- F. Capitalist?
- G. Tourist?
- H. Hollywood/Internet?

III. Fathers of our future? Or children of our past?

II Cor 2:16;
I Pet 2:9

- A. Missionary

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