

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 26, 2009

Passage: 1Peter 2:1-12

Memory Passage: 1Peter 2:9

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1Peter 2:1-3.** What does the “therefore” allude to in verse 1? How is verse 1 connected 1:22? Define the words malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander. What would be the results of someone practicing any one of these things?
- (b) What kind of longing does Peter’s analogy bring to mind? Is he making the same analogy as Hebrew 5:12-13 is? Why or why not?
- (c) What does “pure milk” refer to (see NASB/NKJV)? What will this “milk” produce in us? How does verse 3 relate to verse 2? Read Psalm 34:4-13. How does this passage speak to what we learned this week and last week?
- (d) *Think about it:* Which one of the attitudes in verse 1 do you struggle with the most? How might a longing for the word shift change that? Have you tasted the Lord’s goodness? How so? Why is tasting that the Lord is good a sign of salvation?
- (e) *Family:* Read 1Peter 2:1-3. List the sins in verse 1 and define them. How are each one of these different? What affects do they bring to situations and relationships? What does this passage say is the solution for not practicing these things? What does it mean for someone to have tasted that the Lord is good? Pray that you would develop a hunger and thirst for the Lord.

DAY 2 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1Peter 2:4-5.** What does Peter assume his audience (and us) are doing in verse 4? How is Jesus described in v.4?
- (b) How are we like the living stone? What is the link between us being a spiritual house and a holy priesthood (Exodus 19:5-6; Numbers 8:5-7,14)? Read Numbers 8:5-19. What were the responsibilities of the Levites?
- (c) How are we now a part of the priesthood? How was he able to do this (Hebrews 9:11-15)? How are our sacrifices different from previous priests (Romans 12:1-2)?
- (d) *Family:* Read 1Peter 2:4-5. What are the two responses to Christ (the living stone) that have taken place? How are we like Christ? Read Romans 12:1-2. How are we to offer up spiritual sacrifices? Pray that you would by faith come to Him willing to do whatever He wants with your life.

DAY 3 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1Peter 2:6-8.** What parallels do you see between verses 6-8 and verses 4-5? What is Peter doing in quoting these Old Testament passages? What does this tell us about how we defend our beliefs?
- (b) Read Isaiah 28:16-17. How is this passage fulfilled in Christ (Romans 9:30-33; 10:9-13)? How is Christ described in this passage?
- (c) Read Psalm 118:17-24. What themes from this psalm has Peter already talked about? How was this passage fulfilled in Christ (Acts 4:8-12)?
- (d) Read Isaiah 8:11-14. What warning is given? How does this passage talk of following after the Lord?
- (e) How should we understand the word “appointed/destined” in verse 8? Does this verse speak of God making people stumble or is it speaking of the fact that some were sure to stumble (Ephesians 1:11; Romans 8:28-30)?
- (f) *Family:* Read 1Peter 2:6-8. Talk about where these passages come from. Why is Peter using these Old Testament verses? What does this say about the importance of knowing our bible? And knowing why we believe what we believe? What might be one way that you could begin knowing your bible better? Pray that they Lord would give you insight and a gift of knowledge to know and understand His word.

DAY 4 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1Peter 2:9-10.** Who was this letter written to? Who are the terms in verse 9 normally associated with (Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 7:6-8; 32:7-9)? Why would this be important considering verse 9? If Peter is writing to both Jewish and Gentile believers, what is Peter saying that belief in God has done for them?
- (b) For what purpose have we been chosen of God? How are you fulfilling this purpose in your own life? What are things that keep you from this? How does Peter seek to motivate his readers to share to proclaim Christ to others?

(c) What is the connection between verse 10 and Hosea 1:6-10, 2:23? What does the story of Hosea tell us about the love of God? How can we learn how to live out the gospel according to this story?

(d) *Family*: Read 1Peter 2:9-10 and Exodus 19:5-6. What is special about each of the ways that we are described? Are you eager to proclaim Him? Why or why not? What does it mean that we have now received mercy? What have we received mercy from? Thank God that He has brought mercy to you and pray that He would give you the strength to proclaim His name.

DAY 5 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1Peter 2:11-12.** Why is it that Peter calls us sojourners and exiles (1Peter 1:1, 17; Hebrews 11:13-16, 13:4)? What does Peter mean by “fleshly lusts/sinful desires”(1Peter 1:18; 2:1; Galatians 5:19-21)?

(b) What is this war that wages against our souls (Romans 7:21-25 ; Galatians 5:16-18)? What two things does Peter call us to do? Why are we able to do this (see Romans 8:1-6)? Why would their conduct cause others to see them as evildoers (Acts 19:17-27)? Why will this change at the Lord’s return (Revelation 14:6-7; 19:7)?

(c) *Think about it*: Does your faith in God cause others to revile you? What is it that made what happened to Paul in Acts 19:17-27 so different from your circumstance? When you talk with others about the world, do you speak with a Christian worldview? What makes your actions distinct from just “good people”

(d) *Family*: Read 1Peter 2:11-12. Talk about why we are sojourners and exiles. What does Peter mean by the day of visitation (1Peter 1:13)? What are some of the passions that wage war against you? Read Acts 19:17-27. How does this story connect to our passage? Pray that you would have the strength to do the right thing even in the midst of opposition.

DAY 6 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

(a) *Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* What did you learn this week? Do you see yourself as a part of God’s chosen people? Are you fulfilling your purpose of proclaiming Christ? Why or why not? What makes what you do and say distinctly Christian (remember its not churchy words that make something Christian. Its worldview.)?

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The Joy of God’s Plan

“that you may proclaim Him!”