



Life Group Discussion Guide
How to Live as God's People
1 Peter 2:11-25
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Main Thought: Living as God's peculiar people means living consistently with our identity in Christ.

Sunday Outline:

Living as peculiar people is found in...

- Our conduct
- Our practice
- Our witness

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- Consider one way that God has been revealing your identity in Him this past week? What labels from others have you been attempting to shed in light of ***tasting that the Lord is good?***

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- Share with one another some ways you have intentionally or unintentionally found yourself standing out amongst the crowd. (Ex. Maybe you made a "grand" entrance to an important meeting or event, where all eyes turned to take notice of you)

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 15 minutes*).

- Discuss how the words of 1 Peter 2:9-10 begin to inform our response to how we are to live as God's people in this second half of chapter 2.
- In 1 Peter 2:12, Peter calls us to live such good lives that even if they accuse us of wrong, they will see our good deeds. (Be careful to not think in terms of works for salvation). How can we begin to practice such a lifestyle given our current culture? Provide practical application of how you would/are living this out daily.
- In 1 Peter 2:13-21, Peter discusses submission to rulers and masters. How does Peter instruct us to live under the authority of rulers? How are we to use our freedom in Christ to witness to the world?



Digging Deeper: (Suggested Time 20 minutes)

Paul also addressed his letter to the Romans with a call for how they were to live as redeemed people in a fallen world. Take some time to review a couple of passages from Romans 12 and 13 to see the parallels between Peter and Paul's instructions on how we are to live.

- Read Romans 12:1-3. Discuss how you or others have conformed to the world in our words or actions. Why must our refusal to conform to the world go deeper than just our behavior? Why is it tied to the *renewing of our mind*?
- Read Romans 12:9-21. In a passage that echoes Jesus' Beatitudes, how does Paul call Christ-followers to live as redeemed people? Which of those actions that he mentions are easy for you to practice and which are difficult?
- Read Romans 13:1-5. When discussing submission to governing authorities, according to Paul, who is ultimately over those authorities? In light of this, why are Christ-followers called to be citizens who honor and respect those in authority? (v.2)
- Read Romans 13:12-14. How are you clothing yourself to be a person of light in the world?

Application: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

- What is keeping you from surrendering all you are to Jesus? If you are someone who has found your life in chaos, know that Jesus loves you and desires for you to be His child. Accept His free gift of salvation today!
- Consider the changes you need to make through God's Spirit in order to live as a peculiar person in a sinful world.
- This week take some time to return to the *Shepherd and Overseer of your soul* (1 Peter 2:25), turn off all the noise and get into God's Word that transforms our hearts, minds, and soul.

Group Prayer Requests: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 10 minutes)