

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

January 6, 2018

Our Joyful Calling Part One

Text: 1 Peter 2.1-12

1. Where do many people today find their identity? What are people looking for? As a result, what is often lacking in peoples' lives? What is different for Christians when it comes to identity and what should define them? Does this mean that Christians don't struggle with identity issues once coming to Christ?

2. Who does Peter call Christians in 1 Peter 2.9? What do these terms mean?

A Chosen Race?

A Royal Priesthood?

A Holy Nation?

A People for God's Own Possession (1 Corinthians 6.19-20)?

How did these points of identification speak of Israel? As you look at these identifying nouns that Peter uses to define the people of God, discuss what these truly mean to us? How should these points of identification impact us?

3. What is our purpose according to Peter (2.9-10)? What does this specifically involve according to 2.9-12? This is the very thing Peter is saying is our purpose and peculiar vocation in this world. What does Peter say about our ethics and lifestyle as we live out this purpose (1.15-16; 2.11-12)?

4. Close looking at this quote by JR Vassar: *We show the world something it is not and cannot be apart from Jesus.* What is that something? And how do we do this?

5. Do you know someone who is in "darkness" and needs to come into the "marvelous light" and know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior? Pray for them and take the initiative to make time to share the gospel with them (share this with someone else too so they can pray for you).

Pray.