



Small Group Questions

1 Peter 2

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read 1 Peter 2 together. What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

2. **Observe – What do you see?**

In vv.9-11, Peter tells us *who we are* now that we *believe* in Jesus. List Peter's descriptions of our new identity from these verses. (Hint: There are at least seven!)

3. **Interpret – What does it mean?**

If you believe in Christ then He, by His amazing grace, has made you new person (2Cor.5:17). The same grace that makes us *who we are* in Christ also empowers *what we do* for Christ. This means ...

You are LOVED in Christ and He empowers you to LOVE others (Jn. 13:34-35)

You are FORGIVEN in Christ and He empowers you to FORGIVE others (Mk. 11:25)

You are HOLY in Christ and He empowers you to live HOLY in the world (1 Pet. 1:14-16)

How does the truth about God's amazing and empowering grace free you to live for Christ?

In 1 Peter 2, Peter commands us to "put away" old ways of living and "grow up into salvation" (vv.1-2); to "die to sin" and "live to righteousness" (vv.24-25). God's grace empowers us to do these things. How are Peter's commands here similar to Paul's and Jesus' in the following passages –

Ephesians 4:20-24 –

Luke 9:23-24 –

What does it mean to "die to sin" and "live to righteousness"?

4. **Apply – How does this apply?**

How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you through 1 Peter 2? Do you need to spend some time dwelling upon who you are in Christ? Are you practicing dying to sin daily and living for Christ alone?

5. **Prayer ...**