



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: SHIELDED BY GOD

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Scripture: 1 PETER 1:1-9

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READ 1 Peter 1:1-9

1. If you could run for anything, and know you would be elected, what would you run for and why? If you have been elected for something, describe what that meant to you.
2. Verse 1 describes Christians as “God’s elect.” What does that mean? How do you reconcile divine election with human responsibility?
3. Verse 2 says we “have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.” Compare John 10:27-30. What can we conclude from these verses?
4. How does our situation compare to the Jews in the Old Testament. See Deut. 7:6.
5. How would you explain the “sanctifying work of the Spirit?” Why is “obedience” connected to it?
6. Why is the “resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” instrumental in giving us both a “new birth” and “living hope” (1:3).
7. Verse 4 describes “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you. What does this mean to you? What are you looking forward to the most?
8. When you think of being shielded by God’s power, what comes to mind?
9. Looking over the passage, what words and phrases describe the difficulty Christians face in this world?
10. How can verse 7 reshape the way you think about trials? How can trials increase your faith in and love for Jesus?
11. How is it possible to “rejoice” (1:6) and be full of “joy” (1:8) given all the troubles Christians endure? Any insights on how to make verse 8 describe each of us?