

5. In this study, have you learned something about the church that is new to you? If so, what, and what importance does it give to understanding the nature of the church?

6. Verses 11 and 12 return to the theme of “foreigners”, but this time gives us some motivation for the way we must conduct ourselves. Take time to discuss Peter’s reasons for living “holy” lives.

7. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

Personal Reflection

1. What does it do for your faith to know that you are part of something bigger than yourself?
2. Is it easy or hard to relate to the way believers are characterized in this passage? Have you ever considered yourself in these terms?
3. Are there changes you need to make based on what you’ve learned in this study?

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Life Group Study Notes Stand Sermon Series based on 1 Peter

This Week's Message

In this third instalment of our series on 1 Peter we learn some of the key truths regarding “Who we are.” Peter uses terminology from the Old Testament and applies it to our modern context, while at the same time helping us to understand what it means to be “children of God.”

For many, identity is everything. It is what opens doors, gives us purpose, and even defines our sense of value. Two prominent influences to our identity are culture and the people around us. In this message we learn that believers have an identity that is not dependent on either of these.

Study - Based on 1 Peter 2:4-12

1. Take a moment to discuss the imagery of the Temple that Peter uses in this passage. How does he relate the Temple to believers who make up the church?
2. In verse 5, Peter uses the term, “spiritual sacrifices.” What are they and how are they similar and/or different from the Old Testament sacrifices?
3. In the message, it was stated that believers should be in a constant state of R and R. What do the two R's stand for and what were the 3 points given for each R? Take time to discuss them.

R_____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

R_____

a. _____

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4. Based on this passage, how would you answer the following questions? (In the message one verse in particular was used to answer these)
 - a. Who are we?
 - b. What do we stand for?
 - c. Why do we stand for it?