



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 Peter 2:9-12 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) In these verses Peter uses several phrases to describe followers of Jesus. List all of the words and phrases that have to do with our identity in Christ, and talk about what each of them means.
- 5) In verse 11, Peter calls the people "beloved." Many of us struggle to believe that God truly loves us. Why is it hard to believe that we are loved?
- 6) Peter tells believers that they are "sojourners" and "exiles"—this means that this world is not our home (Hebrews 11:13-16). How should this truth change the way we live?
- 7) Verse 11 explains that the passions of the flesh wage war against our souls. Where do you most feel this battle in your own life?
- 8) In verse 12, Peter says the believers "will be spoken against as evildoers." Have you experienced this? Explain.
- 9) Respond to this quote from Thomas Schreiner about verse 12:

"Peter exhorted believers to live noble lives because in doing so unbelievers will see their good works. Because they observe such works, some unbelievers will repent and believe and therefore give glory to God on the last day. . . . Peter was confident that some unbelievers will be saved when they notice the godliness of believers. The unbelievers may revile Christians, but as they notice the goodness in their lives, some will repent and be saved, and as a result of their salvation God will be glorified."¹

- 10) What are some ways in which you (or your group) could intentionally create opportunities to live compelling lives amongst those who don't yet follow Jesus and create an opportunity to share the gospel?
- 11) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.