



## Groups

# HOLY LIVING!

I Peter 1:10-16

Life Group Study Guide

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### Connect:

- ❖ If your group has guests or new members take some time to make sure everyone knows each other.
- ❖ There are people around each of us who have gone out of their way to help us and the things they did changed our life from that point forward for the better. Who is someone that went out of their way to do something for you and their act changed your life for the better? What did they do? How did it change your life?

### Scripture:

*<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, <sup>11</sup>trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.*

*<sup>13</sup>Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup>for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

I Peter 1: 10-16 (NIV)

### Grow:

- ❖ As a group read together I Peter 1:10-16.
- ❖ Verses 10-12 describe the foundation that was laid by many people over many years so that each of us would be able to learn about the gospel of Christ. Who brought you the message of salvation through Jesus Christ?
- ❖ Verse 13 begins with a 'therefore' indicating that what follows is an action that must be taken because of what was written before verse 13.
  - The first thing that must be done in verse 13 is "prepare your minds for action". This is another way of saying roll up your sleeves and get ready. Why do we have to prepare our minds and not our hands? Does this tell us that sin begins in the mind instead of with the hands? Why? How?
  - Why should a believer be self controlled? What would be the consequences of a believer who was not self controlled? Is a believer who is not self controlled being led by the Holy Spirit?

- This passage points out that through the power of the Holy Spirit many people have contributed to our opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ. Could a believer who was not self controlled rob someone else of the opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ? How?
- What is the grace that is to be given when Jesus Christ is revealed? (v13) How do we set our hope fully on that grace? Do you fully put your hope in that grace? How would your life be different if you fully put your hope on/in that grace?
- Verse 16 tells us to be holy. We know that God is holy. He is pure, perfect, and without blame. How is it possible that we could be holy? What role should the Holy Spirit play in our attempt to be holy?
- There are two common problems that are encountered when trying to be holy. An individual can decide that it is not possible and give up or become arrogant believing that through sheer self discipline and will power personal holiness has been achieved. Both extremes miss the mark and don't allow the Holy Spirit to play a role. How would you help someone who has gotten stuck in either of these ditches?

**Serve and Share:**

- ❖ Do you connect what you do in your day to day life with the opportunity for people around you to learn about Jesus Christ? Discuss the following examples considering how your actions in each situation could help or hinder the opportunity for someone to come to know Christ:
  - A co-worker treats you with total disrespect implicating your character and work ethic. What would be some possible responses on your part and how would each response affect the opportunity for this person (or other co-workers around you) to come to know Christ?
  - A family member treats you with total disrespect implicating your character and integrity. What would be some possible responses on your part and how would each response affect the opportunity for this person (or other family members around you) to come to know Christ?
  - You are tempted to participate in immoral behavior. (i.e. cheating, stealing, lying, gossiping, drunkenness, inappropriate sexual behavior, etc...) How would your participation in these behaviors affect your family, friends, and others around you in their future walk with Christ and/or in the opportunity for them to come to know Christ?

**Prayer:**

- ❖ Spend a few moments gathering prayer requests from your group.
- ❖ Confidently go into the throne room of God with prayer. Be sure to pray by name for each member of your group asking God to bless your Life Group this year.

**Preparation for Next Time:**

- ❖ Read I Peter 1:17-2