

What's Holy Look Like

LifeGroup Lesson

July 9, 2017

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

OPENING PRAYER:

You are cause for rejoicing, O God, and the source of our gladness. You know what afflicts us; and you can sense our distress. You remove whatever net will ensnare us; you give our feet firm places to stand. In Christ you have brought us deliverance. For all your mercies, we praise your name and worship you now as our refuge and strength. (James G. Kirk, *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship*)

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- Who was your best coach/teacher? How did they help you pursue excellence and bring the best out in you?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:¹

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

- V. 13-16 describe ways believers are to respond to the gift of salvation. Choose at least one and describe how it would impact your life if you put that on the front burner? What changes would you have to make?
- V. 15 says 'be holy in everything you do.' If you lived this phrase, how would it impact your relationships with those closest to you?
- What do you think it means to live as a stranger here (v. 17)?
- In v. 21-25, how does this promote sincere love among believers?
- If you were trying to convey to someone else the value of new birth in your life, what would you want people to know?
- Peter describes salvation as something we grow in? What does it mean to grow in your salvation?

Read the following scriptures on living holy: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 12:1-5, Ephesians 4:17-32, Psalm 51, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12, Philippians 4:1-9. What does each Scripture portion teach you? How do they complement or disagree with 1 Peter?

NEXT STEPS:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- Make a list of everything you have to do tomorrow. How could you tackle that list with v. 15 in mind? How would that be different from your usual day?
- Read Mark 12:30-31. Pray over how you fail to show God this love? Ask God to reveal to you ways in which you need to grow? Ask God to show you relationships and people in your life where you have failed to love. Confess your sins and failures in deep prayer.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

You are the healing, the loving, the touching. You are the laughing, you are the dancing, Jesus, verb of God -- you are the moving -- move in me.

--John Carden, ed., *With All God's People*