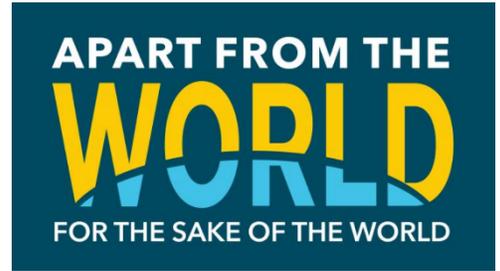


LIFEgroups



Leader

Open

Go around and let everyone answer...

Name something you are pretty good at doing. Have you always been good at it? If not, how did you become good at it?

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Peter wraps up his letter to these Christians, whose lives have become very difficult, by giving them final words on how to live well in the name of Jesus Christ.

Read 1 Peter 5:6-7 (Scripture text in this guide is from New Living Translation)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Describe the relationship Christians are to have with God.

What attitudes and actions help develop that relationship?

Read 1 Peter 5:8-9

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

What relationship with Christians does the devil seek?

How do Christians avoid any relationship with the devil?

Read 1 Peter 5:10-11

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever.

From these verses, describe God.

In what ways does God participate in the lives of Christians?

APPLY

In what areas of your spiritual life you would like to see change? Name one.

What will help bring those changes about?

Peter talks about strengthening our relationship with God as well as resisting any attempts the devil makes to bring us into relationship with him. Talk about how we, as a group and as a church, can help each other grow in both areas.

What effect might Christians living well in the name of Christ have on nonbelievers?

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Big Idea

In today's passage Peter gives simple instructions about how to live for Christ in any circumstances.

Real Life

Group participants need help facing real life circumstances. Then they need help to see how serving Christ may help with real life. That is the exact same need that readers needed when the Apostle Peter wrote this practical message about how to live. Encourage your group to be open and honest about life concerns.

Group Fun

As holiday seasons approach, take time to make special plans with your group to celebrate the occasion. In the fall, consider creating a fall festival evening for your group or your neighborhood. Hold a pumpkin carving contest, or a pumpkin pie cook off. When Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons arrive, set a time for a special meal to celebrate together. Then invite a person you have been praying about to join the fun.

