

Saturday & Sunday, June 30 & July 1, 2018 - "Everyday Saints - Week 4 - Identity" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: 1 Peter 2:1-12

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- 1 Peter is written to people living as outcasts and they were trying to answer a question that we are asking today;
How can you and I be everyday saints in a world that is hostile towards us?
- Peter outlines the ethics (how they and we are called to live) if we want to make an impact for God
- We can't let ourselves off the hook too easily just because the words are intense
- Put away all malice: No ill will towards anyone
 - Is there a person that when you think of them you cringe inside?
 - It may be hard to pray for God's blessing for them
 - This can be toward a person or a group of people
- Put away deceit and hypocrisy
 - Deceit = the same word for decoy in the greek, anytime you put on a false front
 - Hypocrisy → When we are obsessed with the sins of others but not willing to work through our own sin
- Put away envy and slander
 - Jealous, hoping someone trips up a bit, their misfortune leads to our fortune
 - Slander = any time we use language to tear someone down or weaken their reputation
 - We do this out of self protection
 - Are the words you are using building up or tearing down?
 - This can happen on social media too
- Abstain from passion of the flesh
 - Any time you know you're supposed to do something and you do something else
 - Moving towards what you want instead of what God wants
- On our own we are incapable of doing any of this
- 2 Keys to living this out
 - 1) Priority
 - Jesus having the most important place in our live
 - "Jesus + nothing = everything"
 - v2 Long for pure spiritual milk
 - When we do this God reveals who he is and who we are
 - 2) Identity
 - All that we do is rooted in our identity
 - Who we believe we are in Christ → conduct Peter was talking about
 - v9 You are:
 - Chosen by God
 - A Royal Priesthood (we are royalty)
 - Loved beyond what we could ever comprehend

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How is God calling you to grow in the areas from this passage? Malice, deceit, envy, slander, hypocrisy?
2. How is it going making God and his will the number one priority in your life? explain
3. How do you think God is calling you to keep him as the number one priority? Be specific and practical
4. How are you doing in believing and living into your identity as chosen, royalty, loved beyond comprehension?
5. How would your life look different if you acted and thought and lived from your identity as God's chosen?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 1 Corinthians 3 Tues: 1 Corinthians 4 Wed: 1 Corinthians 5 Thurs: 1 Corinthians 6 Fri: 1 Corinthians 7

Songs from the weekend: *Glorious* - BJ Putnam - *Higher* - Grace Original - *Raised to Life* - Grace Original - *Only Jesus* - Bethel Music - *Sinking Deep* - Hillsong Young and Free