

Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19, 2018 - “Everyday Saints - Week 11 - 1 Peter: A Recap” - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: 1 Peter, Exodus 19:5-6

* + 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 teaches us how to walk faithfully and have an impact in a world that is increasingly hostile towards God
  + Peter really lays out two important things: WHO WE ARE & WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE
  + Who are you?
    - Who we think we are affects every part of our lives
    - It doesn’t really matter if what we believe is true more so that we believe it
    - “When you believe you can’t, you won’t” (What we believe about ourselves matters a lot)
  + Who does scripture say that we are
    - Born again (1 Peter 1:3), Inheritors (1 Peter 1:4), Children of God (1 Peter 1:14), Living stones (1 Peter 2:5),
    - We are: Born again, living hope, inheritors, Children of God, living stones, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s very own possession
    - This is an impressive resume by the hand and Grace of God
  + What is your purpose?
    - In the old testament, there were often negative implications when they didn’t live out their purpose
    - Exodus 19:5-6: Israel was called to be a nation of priests (to make God famous)
    - God also put them in the perfect geographical location
      * Everything the needed
      * All the world would come to them
    - The language in Exodus to the people of Israel is the language to us in 1 Peter
      * We are already in the perfect place and time
      * Empowered and equipped to represent Him as his royal priest
  + To live out our calling and our purpose we have to be DIFFERENT
    - We don’t have to do it perfect
    - Are we even trying
    - This fall our call is: to love our neighbors, live with a great sense of joy and hope and always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that we have

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

* 1. How does God want to grow and change your identity?
  2. Which scriptural identity marker resonates the most with you and why?
  3. What do struggle to believe or not believe about who you are? How does God want to change this?
  4. How would you define your purpose as a follower of Jesus, in your own words?
  5. Does that line up with our God given purpose as a nation of priests?
  6. How is God calling you to be his royal priest in the days/weeks/months to come?
  7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

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

**Mon: Ecclesiastes 3 12 Tues: Ecclesiastes 4 Wed: Ecclesiastes 5 Thurs: Ecclesiastes 6 Fri: Ecclesiastes 7**

**Songs from the weekend: [*You Are Good* - Israel Houghton] - [Holy Spirit- Torwalt] - [Break Every Chain- Tasha Cobb] - [*Waymaker - Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu*]**