

Life Group Questions - 1 Peter 1:17-2:3

- 1) Full transparency! Where's your weak spot?...what "new things" are a huge temptation to you?
- 2) Many times, a person's view of their earthly father is carried over to their view of God...
 - a. How has your earthly father affected your view of your New Father...Good or bad?
 - b. If bad, how have you reprogrammed your mind to think correctly about your heavenly Father?
 - c. Have you always thought about God as a heavenly "Daddy" who loves you regardless, or have you felt like you never measured up?
- 3) How much is your Perspective of Life rooted in this world, and what might be some goals for you to gain a New Perspective: We are citizens of another Kingdom, with a New Investment Plan?
- 4) A common **flaw** in Christian beliefs is that God will even judge Christians based on works, in regard to whether you get in or not. Is a correct understanding of the Great White Throne and the Bema Seat (1:17) judgments helpful? (Rev. 20 vs 1 Cor.3:11-15) In what way?
- 5) Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 36:25-27. While specifically directed at the nation of Israel, we too get to participate in this promise of a New Covenant.
 - a. What do you see promised in the New Covenant?
 - b. In what ways is it better than the Old Covenant (the Law of Moses). (Note Gal. 3:24-25)
 - c. When you take communion, have you made the connection between the cup (the blood of Christ) and Jesus' inauguration of the New Covenant (1 Cor. 11:25)?
- 6) On a scale of 1-10, how do you rate yourself as a "lover of people"? Is there something in your past that makes you cautious of getting too close? What's holding you back? (criticism, judgment, fear...)
- 7) Out of the list of New Things, which ones were "new" to you? (Creatures, nature, Father, family, citizenship, kingdom, perspective, investment plan, covenant, faith, hope, love, birth, passion)
- 8) Do you live as if all the "New Things" are true in your life, or to what extent are you stuck in the old things.

Apply: 1 Peter 2:3 – Make a list of the ways that God has been good to you. Then give Him thanks!

Demonstrate your New Passion! - Memorize: 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."