



Living Hope
1 Peter 1:22-2:10
Study Guide

The Church, this Christian 'household' is built on life and love. Once we have received eternal life, we are called to love each other.

1. Eternal Life.

Read 1 Peter 1:22-25, and share how your salvation experience, and eternal life, have affected your outlook on this life. What difference does it make that you are 'imperishable'? How could this help you to love people more deeply? Discuss.

2. Intentionality.

Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. Describe your experience of putting off the things listed and taking in the 'spiritual milk' of the word of God. What helps you to 'put away' these old ways of treating others? How does meditating on Scripture help you? (see also Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12; Psalm 119:11; Matthew 7:24; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:105).

3. Living Stones.

Read 1 Peter 2:4-8. Discuss the three stones and their implications.

- a. Living Stones- Christ and the believer.
- b. Cornerstone- Christ sets the lines and the example.
- c. Stumbling Stone- Christ offends because He is the only way.

Share a time when God gave you the power to love someone well, based in a living, personal relationship with Jesus. How does the example of Christ inspire you?

4. Priests.

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What difference does the priesthood of the believer make in your life? How does seeing yourself as the 'pastor' in your community, change your approach to others? Discuss.

Application

Pray for each other to love the community of people around you well.

1 Peter 1:22-2:10 Household of Hope

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What is love? (v. 22b)

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B. Intentionality (2:1-3)

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Spiritual Milk

Strengthened in your faith- Rom. 10:17- Faith comes by hearing the word of God.

Encouraged- Ps. 130:5 I wait for the LORD,... in his word I put my hope.

Equipped- 2 Tim. 3:16- word... thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Discernment- Heb. 4:12- living and active... judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Protected- Ps. 119:11 Your word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Stability- Matt. 7:24- ... hears my words ... practice ... built his house on the rock.

Force- Eph. 6:17- the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

Successful- Jos. 1:8 word...meditates... prosperous and successful.

Direction- Ps. 119:105- Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

C. Living Stones (v. 4-8)

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1. Spiritual House (v. 4-5)

1 Kings 6:7- When the house was built, it was with stone prepared at the quarry, so that neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was being built.

2. Cornerstone (v. 6)

⁶For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Cornerstone-

3. Stone of Stumbling (v. 7-8)

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

⁸and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

D. Priests (v. 9-10)

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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