



LIFE GROUP NOTES
For week commencing: 18/02/2024

Elect Exiles

1 Peter 2:4-10

Life Group Activities

Use the Three Thirds structure for your gathering together.

Looking Back

- Mutual Care – How are you doing?

- Worship & Prayer
 - Worship
 - Pray
 - Communion

- Loving Accountability
 - How did you follow?
 - How did you fish? (Ask how many gospel shares in the last week)

- Vision Cast – Why are we meeting like this?
 - Make sure that you are clear on your LG vision for 2024 and social events / outreach and how you will care and encourage one another.

Looking up

Discovery Bible Study 1 Peter 2 4-10 Elect Exiles

Sermon Notes can be found below for reference.

- Read and re-read these verses from different translations.
- What does the group remember from Sunday about:
 - What stands out from these verses?
 - What do we learn about God, His character, His heart, His purposes etc.?
 - What do we learn about people?
 - Are there any commands to obey, or promises to stand on?
- Summarise the main teaching from these verses in one sentence.
- How are you going to apply this teaching to your life?

Looking Forward

- Practice – Practice the Three Circles or your People Map
- Set Goals:
 - Use C.O.S.T.
 - Connect – How am I going to connect with God this week?
 - Obey – How am I going to be obedient this week?
 - Share – Who am I going to share the gospel with or pray with this week?
 - Teach – Who can I encourage with this message this week?
- Pray together

Sermon Notes Kirstie

- 1) Jesus the cornerstone
- 2) Our Identity
- 3) Merciful Rescue
- 4) Living stones

V6 **chosen** comes from the greek word **eklektos**. chosen out, elect, choice, select, of those chosen out by God for the rendering of special service to Him (of the Hebrew race, particular Hebrews, the Messiah, and the Christians).

Leaders who Last - Dave Kraft - [Leaders Who Last: Kraft, Dave: 9781433513183: Amazon.com: Books](#)

His own possession - We belong to God - "a people for His (God's) own possession" - verse 9.

We are His chosen community, His treasured possession (Exodus 19:5)
a people He formed for Himself (Isaiah 43:21).

the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

God's own.

V9 uses the word possession - which is from the Greek peripoiesis.
Which means preservation.

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- 1. a preserving, preservation: to the preserving of the soul, namely, that it may be made partaker of eternal salvation (A. V. unto the saving of the soul), Hebrews 10:39 (, deff.,

That we have received **mercy**. **cambridge dictionary definition.**

Compassion or **kindness shown toward someone whom you have the right or power to punish:**

Mercy is given by someone who has the power to punish or forgive.

If God only gave us what we deserve we wouldn't get very much would we? But the thing that still amazes me is that God wants to love me when I think I am unlovable.

He wants to forgive me when I think I am unforgivable.

He wants to show me mercy when I think I deserve to be punished.

We get rewarded when we do nothing to earn it.

We get salvation even though we didn't earn it.

How do we figure out our unique identity in Jesus?

How do we figure out what we are called to do?

How do we figure out our purpose in serving, leadership or church life?

Dave krafts book leaders who last

Purpose - What is my life's purpose?

Please work through the questions on the attached sheet.

Take some time to think and discuss as a group.

The aim is to come up with a short dynamic energising sentence that describes you, who you are and what your ministry or giftings are.

- 1) Write down some bible verse that God has applied to your life. What Bible verses have resonated personally with you?
- 2) Think about how God has used you in the past
- 3) What are you passionate about?
- 4) List the things you know you are good at, your gifts and strengths
- 5) List what you have excelled at in your work life
- 6) Define what action words best describe what you like to do
- 7) What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
- 8) Take note of common themes
- 9) Write down key words or ideas that repeat.
- 10) Summarise those keywords in a short energising statement about yourself.

Shift of position and perspective - stand up - respond , move seat to the left. Change your perspective.

Challenge -

- 1) What is your life purpose statement?
- 2) Is Jesus your cornerstone?
- 3) What do you need to do to set Jesus as your Cornerstone?

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I hope you find these songs useful and helpful in your worship time as a life group.

[Thank You Lord \(Lyric Video\) - River Valley Worship | Modern Evangelism \(youtube.com\)](#)

The 3Thirds Discipleship Model

Look back	Look up	Look forward
<p>1. Mutual care: How are you doing?</p> <p>2. Worship: Praising God in a simple, relevant way.</p> <p>3. Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Follow:</i> How did you obey the lesson from last time? ◦ <i>Fish:</i> Did you pray with anyone who was in need? ◦ Did you share your story and/or Jesus' story? ◦ Did you find a person of peace? <p>4. Casting vision for reaching lost people and making disciples.</p>	<p>5. New lesson: Enough Biblical content to obey and pass it on.</p> <p>Use the Discovery Bible Study Method:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Read the Bible Story b. Ask them to re-tell the story in their own words c. Ask four questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What does this story tell us about God? ii. What does this story tell us about people? iii. Is there a command to obey or an example to follow or a promise to live by? iv. How does this apply to my life? 	<p>6. Practice the lesson until everyone is confident and competent to apply the learning. e.g. Retell your story, Jesus' story, or this week's story.</p> <p>7. Set goals</p> <p>Goals for personal growth, sharing the gospel, and training others.</p> <p>C.O.S.T. Connect Obey Share Teach</p> <p>8. Pray and Share Communion</p>
<p>1/3 of your time (e.g. 30 mins)</p>	<p>1/3 of your time (e.g. 30 mins)</p>	<p>1/3 of your time (e.g. 30 mins)</p>