



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Three Things You Need to Know when the Pendulum Swings:

1. God has **CHOSEN** me.
2. God is **WORKING** on me.
 - a. God's Spirit does Two Things:
 - He **CHANGES** us.
 - He **CLEANSSES** us.
3. God has **SECURED** my future.

Read 1 Peter 1:1-7 aloud before answering the following questions.

Talk about a time in your life when you felt discouraged or "scattered" or lonely as the early church was. How did your difficulty affect your relationship with God? How about the relationships with the people in your life? Why does it seem easier to love God and people when life is going well as opposed to when life is hard?

Psalm 43:5; Psalm 147:3; Matthew 5:3-4

Have you ever considered that you are **CHOSEN** by God? What does it mean to be chosen? How should we respond to God choosing us?

1 Peter 1:2; Colossians 3:12-13; Deuteronomy 7:6-8

How do we allow God to work on us? What does God's work on us look like? What are some of the benefits of letting God change us and cleanse us?

John 14:27; 2 Corinthians 4:17; James 1:2-4

How often do you reflect on the inheritance that is awaiting God's children in Heaven? Does knowledge of this inheritance influence how we view our current trials?

1 Peter 1:4; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 8:39; Psalm 46:1

What's Next

- Remember that you are God's favorite!
- God is not done working on you.
- The purpose of trials is to refine you. The result is that we're going to be rewarded in eternity.