



# COMMUNITY Groups

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017: DIFFERENT**

## **OPENING**

- Describe Solomon Asch's conformity experiments. Why do you think he got the results that he did?
- How does standing out in a crowd tend to make you feel?

## **DISCUSS & APPLY**

Read 1 Peter 2:9

- Why do you think it's significant that each of these descriptions between plural?
- According to each description at the beginning of this verse, how is our identity affected by who God is?
- Read Deuteronomy 7:6-8.
  - What are the similarities between these verses and 1 Peter 2:9?
  - According to this passage, why are we God's treasured possession? How does that connect to Jesus Christ?
- What do you think it means to be called out of darkness into God's light? How have you experienced this in your life?
- Why did God call us out of darkness and give us a new identity?

Read 1 Peter 2:10-11

- If we are now a people, why does Peter still call us foreigners and exiles? (Compare with Hebrew 11:13-16)
- Why should we abstain from our sinful desires? How would abstaining from our sinful desires reveal us as foreigners and exiles?
- In what ways can sinful desires damage—or even kill—our souls?
- Being the people of God who have received mercy (v.10) shows us that we are not identified by our sinful desires or by the sins that we have committed in the past. How can knowing that help you resist your natural sinful desires?

Read 1 Peter 2:12

- According to this passage—and Ryan's sermon—why should we live differently?
- Why would we be accused of doing wrong by doing good deeds? Share some examples. Why should we not let that stop us from doing the good that we know we should do?
- How have you seen God differently through the good things that you've seen people do?

## **FINAL APPLICATION**

What is one new good thing you can do this week that would make others notice you as different?