

Something Greater

THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

A Greater Influence

1 Peter 2:11-25

January 22, 2023

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read 1 Peter 2:11-25*

1. Icebreaker: Name one person who has had a significant influence on your life. What was it about them that made them influential?
2. Spend a few minutes reviewing what you've learned from 1 Peter so far. (Scan 1 Peter 1:1-2:10 if that's helpful.) Specifically, what has Peter said about our identity as followers of Jesus?
3. Now read 1 Peter 2:11-25 as a group before moving on to the rest of the questions.
4. Focus on 1 Peter 2:11-12 and answer the following questions:
How does Peter address those he is writing to? Why is this identity important to keep in mind as followers of Jesus?
What commands does Peter give in these two verses?
What results from living the way Peter calls us to, according to these verses? (See also Matthew 5:16.)
In your own words, summarize what these verses tell followers of Jesus about how to live in a culture that isn't always friendly to Christianity.
5. The rest of 1 Peter 2 helps us see how we can live in light of 2:11-12, in the context of specific relationships. What sphere (or area) of society does Peter address in 2:13-17? What stands out to you about what he says? (Want to dig into this more deeply? Read Romans 13:1-7 and discuss comparisons/contrasts with 1 Peter 2:13-17.)
6. What sphere/area of society does Peter bring up in 2:18-25? Are there ways this section has implications for areas of your own life (e.g. work relationships, teams or clubs you're part of, etc.)? Explain.
7. In 2:21-25 Peter focuses on the example of Christ. What particular aspect of Christ's example is Peter highlighting, and why is that significant?
8. Are there ways Christ's response to suffering needs to shape your own response to a difficult situation in your life? How so?
9. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? Why did this stand out to you the way it did?
10. What is one practical way you can apply a truth from this passage this week?
11. What other questions do you have about this passage that haven't yet come up and that you'd like to discuss?
12. Challenge: Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
13. Challenge: Memorize 1 Peter 2:11-12: 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.