

# OUR NEW NORMAL

## Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22 NIV*

### SUMMARY

Pastor Kenny taught a message entitled "Lessons from a Rock" from 1 Peter 4:1-11. In this message, we looked at how the life of a believer grows into Christlikeness (sanctification) in much the same way a rock morph and develops over time.

- 1. One of the ways that we are sanctified is through "sweat equity", which sometimes involves suffering (see v.1-3).**
  - Talk about some ways that suffering in your own life has drawn you closer to Jesus.
  - If you're currently suffering, how can this group pray for you?
- 2. Sanctification brings with it a certain amount of separation from the world (see v.4-6).**
  - In what ways do you find it challenging to live for an audience of One, rather than for the approval of people?
  - When you experience separation because of sanctification, what happens in your heart?

### APPLICATION

- 3. This passage gives us some specific actions and attitudes that should define our lives as it relates to sanctification (see v.7-11):**
  - **Prayer:** If prayer is more of a last resort than the first impulse for you, how can you grow in your prayer life?
  - **Love:** How well do you feel that you are loving your brothers and sisters in Christ in this season of life? How might your love grow to become "fervent"?
  - **Hospitality:** To show true hospitality without grumbling means we have no strings attached to our hospitality? How can you show hospitality while expecting nothing in return?
  - **Stewardship:** What is your spiritual gift(s)? How are you exercising those gifts these days?

### PRAYER

Pray that we'd grow into the men and women that God desires for us to be.

