



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 12th January 2025



UP, IN ,OUT– All Age Service 1 Peter 2:4-12

Warm Up

What adjectives would you use to describe the life you have built? To what might you compare your life? Eg: My life is like a rock. My life is like a boat in a storm. My life is like driving in the fast lane. My life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get!

Background and context

The letter of 1 Peter has a variety of themes woven into it. Themes of separation, suffering, persecution, glory, hope and living in an alien culture. It is a letter of encouragement, one which aims to exhort the readers as they live Christian lives among a culture that not only opposes them but actively persecutes them. Peter is wanting to let his readers know that their current struggles are nothing compared to the glory to come!

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ 1 Peter 2:1-12. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

1. What are the different ways Peter describes believers in this passage?
2. **Read v 4-5.** In what way are you/the church a spiritual house and a holy priest?
3. How do we as a church and individuals "**offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God...**"?
4. On Sunday, Simon spoke about "**looking up.**" What does "looking up" in your daily life mean to you?
5. **Read v 9.** How does it describe us? (believers). What does that look like every day?
6. On Sunday, Simon spoke about "**looking in.**" What should a church community be like?
7. What stops us being a better community?
8. **Read v 11-12.** Believers are described as aliens. What does this mean?
9. How do verses 11-12 encourage us to "**look out**"? (Evangelise).
10. Does v12 suggest persecution is inevitable if you are a believer?

Discipleship and Application



Spend some time in your life group worshipping together, listen to some music, (sing if you want!).

Share some time deepening your relationships with your life group. Get to know people even more!

Reflect on how your life as an "alien" leads people towards Jesus. How do you reflect Jesus?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.