



Week 47: 1 & 2 Peter

Study Guide for the week of Nov. 16-22

Personal reflection / journaling exercise

This week, meditate on 1 Peter 2:9.

Do you ever deal with feeling unworthy? What situations make you feel valued? Not valued?

List the four royal titles Peter lists in this verse. What does it mean to you to be called chosen? Royal? Holy? God's own? Are these titles part of your self-identity? Why or why not?

Spend time in prayer, reciting the royal titles God has give to you as his beloved child, allowing them to sink into your soul and remind you of how valued you are in God's eyes.

Discussion starters

1. Reread 1 Pet 1:13-16. How do you define "holy"? What does holiness look like in a believer's life?
2. Describe a person you know who is filled with hope. Do people see hope in you (1 Pet 3:15)? How do you explain your hope to people who ask? If you haven't thought about how to describe your hope (tell your story), share with your group what your life was like before Jesus, what your life is like now with Jesus, and how that changed occurred in your life. That's your "hope story"!
3. Reread 2 Pet 1:5-7. Peter here is giving us a natural progression of virtues from faith growing into love. Can you spot where you are on that progression? What virtue are you being challenged to develop? How are you meeting that challenge?
4. Are you patient or impatient with yourself? With others? What situations tend to make you impatient? Is God impatient or patient? Reread 2 Pet 3:9. How do you respond to a God who is patient? Will God's patience last forever (2 Pet 3:10)? Does God's patience allow us to become complacent or forgetful? Why or why not?

Bible verse to memorize: 1 Peter 2:24