

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

RE:orient - CHRISTIAN IDENTITY FOR TODAY

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DISCUSSION

1. Read I Peter 2:9-10. Verse 10 says we were once not a people and had not received mercy. Describe your life before receiving Christ as your Savior and Lord. Where was your identity?
2. A. We have many identities, e.g., our family, nationality, race, and career. How do these contrast with our identity as Christians?
B. In our culture, people zero in on questions to get to know someone. "What do you do?" "Where are you from?" or "Tell me about your family" are all common questions. How much do you identify with these aspects of your visible life compared to your identity as a Christ-follower?
3. A. What do you picture when you hear each of the following words: chosen, royal, priesthood, holy, and nation?
B. What does it mean to you to be "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession"?
4. A. Why do you think Peter chose this stark contrast between Darkness and Light?
B. How did God "call you out of darkness into His marvelous light"?
5. A. We are God's special possession. Refer to I Peter 2:9b. What is His purpose for each of us individually and as a Church?
B. How do you live this out? C. How can you better live this out?
6. Read I Peter 2:11-12. Each of us inhabits this planet for a brief period. We can choose to live for Christ or be diverted by the world.
A. What are some activities, habits, relationships, or pastimes that "wage war against our soul[s]?"
B. What specific actions can you take to win the battle?
7. Describe a time when a non-Christian changed their view of you (and perhaps of God) because of something good you did that revealed Christ to them?

APPLICATION

Are there any "gray" areas where you are in some way "hanging out in the shadows," not entirely moving out of the darkness? If so, what actions can you take this week to move your witness totally into the light? If you *are* living out your life in the light, help a brother or sister in the Lord this week to put their faith into action.

PRAYER

Take some time each day this week to reflect on what the Lord has done to change you, clothing you in His majesty. Offer up praises to Him for His good work in you and His faithfulness in your life.

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