



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on Sept. 26, 2021

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:1-16

Gathering Guidelines

Icebreaker Question:

So you are going to go with some friends to see a movie. Which genre do you choose: Romantic comedy, Action/Adventure, Thought provoking Drama?

Take some time to worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayH5iV5zmrl> Refiners Fire

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-1fwZtKJSM> Living Hope

Read

1 Peter 1:1-16

Discussion Questions

Question #1: We all have a tendency to want to 'fit in' in our world. It's not that we want to be clones of other people, but we generally try to avoid being ridiculed because of being different.

In 1 Peter 1:1-2 Paul talks about followers of Jesus being *strangers in the world*.

-What do you read here that makes us strangers?

-For what purpose are we made this way?

Optional Question #1: Do you think that we are more effective followers of Christ by living differently than the people of the world or by trying to find common ground with people in the world?

Question #2: In verses 3-4 we read that we have a 'living hope' because Jesus rose from the dead, and this leads to our inheritance in heaven.

-What do you think this means?

-Does this have influence on your daily life?

Optional Question #2: If you don't feel that this 'living hope' has an impact on your daily life, would you like to ask Jesus to fill you with a new sense of joy in Him?

Question #3: To be a follower of Jesus means to suffer. The early Christians suffered for their faith and we are no different.

-Why do you think that Christians suffer for their faith?

-Is there something good that can come from that?

Optional Question #3: Do you think that the church as you know it, is experiencing suffering?

Question #4: Verses 8-9 talks about receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls, and then it describes at least two things that we experience as part of this receiving.

-What are these two things?

Optional Question #4: If we talked more openly about the blessings we are receiving as followers of Jesus, what kind of impact would that have on our brothers and sisters in the Lord and on people who don't yet know Him?

Question #5: In verse 13 it describes what is needed to be prepared for action. This includes being self-controlled, to have our hope set on future blessing in Jesus, and that we are to be holy as He is holy.

-Which one of these things makes the most sense to you and which one is most challenging?

Optional Question #5: Action indicates actually doing something. Which one of these things do you want to make a part of your life 'action-plan'?

Invitation and Mission for this week

Your mission this week is to take steps in implementing an element of your action-plan. Being self-controlled might mean stopping something that hinders your walk with Jesus. Thinking about seeing Jesus face-to-face in the future might mean that you think about how that might influence your day-to-day thinking and decisions you make. Being holy as Jesus is holy might mean spending more time with Jesus to allow His life to influence yours more fully and deeply.

Take at least one practical step that will help you to move forward.

(Practical Hint: Whatever you choose, you will still need the power of the Holy Spirit to help you to achieve your goal. Make sure that asking Him to help you is part of your game-plan.

Pray for each other