

Home Group Questions - August 19, 2018

1. Think back to when you were a child. If you could use one or two words to describe your personality when you were little, what would they be?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:1-11 with your group.
 - What are your initial thoughts/comments/questions about this passage?
3. Peter tells us in verses 1-2 that we need to “grow up in our salvation” by getting rid of sin in our lives and “craving pure spiritual milk.”
 - What rationale does Peter give in verse 3 for why we need to “grow up in our salvation”?
 - What is Peter referring to when he says we “have tasted that the Lord is good”?
 - What rationale does Peter give in verses 4-5 for why we need to “grow up in our salvation”?
4. Peter calls Jesus “the living stone” in verse 4. He says in verse 6 that for those who believe in Jesus, he is a precious cornerstone. How does the image of a stone or a cornerstone help us understand what Jesus has done for us?
5. In verse 4, Peter says that we are “precious” to God. Then in verse 9, he says that we are “God’s special possession”. How might this fact change the way we live? Can it motivate us to get rid of sin and grow up in our faith?
6. To summarize this passage, we could say that Peter provides many reasons that we should get rid of sin and grow up in our faith:
 1. Because we “have tasted that the Lord is good”
 2. Because we are “being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood”
 3. Because “the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame”
 4. Because God has called us “out of the darkness and into his wonderful light”
 5. Because we “have received mercy” from GodWhich of these reasons is one that you don’t often think about in relation to maturing in your faith?
Which of these reasons is most helpful for you in relation to maturing in your faith?
7. In what way is your faith in God different now than it was when you first believed?
8. In what ways has God helped you “grow up in your salvation?” In other words, in what areas of your heart or your attitude has the Lord helped you mature and change?