

# Growth Group Curriculum

## WINTER SEMESTER 2022

### "CALLED" WEEK 6 - 1 Peter 2:4-12; 21-25 - All People

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#### REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

#### MY STORY

1. On Sunday Pastor Jeff taught that many western churches have adopted either the "chaplaincy" model, caring for the physical needs of the culture around them without caring for the spiritual needs, or the "sectarian" model that vilifies the prevailing culture and judges it. Honestly assess your presuppositions; which one of these views would you be most likely to hold?
  - a. Why do you think this is the case?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. What two familiar words does Peter use to describe these 1 century Christians? Has Peter used this st terminology before in 1 Peter? (1 Peter 1:1 & 11)
  - a. What does it mean to live as an alien and stranger?

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- b. Do you live as an alien and stranger in our world because of your faith in Christ? If not, what would need to change to make this true of you?
  2. In verse 11 Peter urges Christians to abstain from sinful desires. How do sinful desires affect our ability to be everything that God wants for us?
    - a. How do sinful desires limit or ruin our influence in this world?
  3. Being human, our sinful desires can be difficult to control. Read Romans 8:5-9; Gal. 5:16-18. What helps us abstain from sinful desires?
    - a. How do desires lead to the action of sin? (1 John 2:15-17; James 1:13-15)
    - b. What are some ways that we can abstain from sinful desires? (Psalm 119:11 & 114)
    - c. How does the Holy Spirit help us? (Romans 8:26-27 & 12:1-2)
  1. In addition to abstaining from sinful desires, what else does Peter tell his readers to do in verse 12? Is this good instruction for Christians today?
    - a. What happens when Christians live good and godly lives in a non-Christian culture?
    - b. Have you ever witnessed a non-Christian come to embrace the message of Christ because of an act of kindness or generosity?
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c. What did Jesus say about living good lives and the impact it can have on a non-believing world? (Matthew 5:14-16)

i. What would need to change in your life in order to be a person who lives a life that causes others to glorify God?

### **Taking It Home**

This week, think of one area of your life where you can influence people for Christ. It may mean that you stop desiring sin or you start doing good deeds. Whatever it is, write it down and begin living as aliens and strangers who can lead others to glorify God by what we don't do and by what we do do!

### **Prayer Requests:**

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