

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the specific ways our nation's culture has morally changed since 1960? How would you say these changes have a spiritual component?
2. In the darkness, God calls us to be light. In 1 Peter 2:11, Peter calls us to abstain from fleshly lusts. What is one reason for this in verse 12? Compare these words to our Lord's words in Matthew 5:16. What truths can you draw from comparing these verses?
3. In Peter's call, what are fleshly lusts? Read Romans 8:3-8 and give your understanding of why the word "flesh" in Scripture does not usually refer to the physical body. What does it refer to? Our flesh manifests itself through lusts; they are varied and many. Read Galatians 5:19-21. What are the lusts mentioned? These lusts wage war against us. What word picture comes to mind when you think of waging war? Why do we often not see our spiritual life in these terms?
4. Peter says that one of the foundations for battling these lusts in our Christian life is knowing who we are in Christ. He says several things about our new identity in Christ in verse 11. Name these and give one practical application for each truth.
5. Abstaining from sin and living for God's glory is at the heart of our new life in Christ. What would you say to someone living in immorality who says, "Sure God's Word may say its not right, and you know some Christians disagree on this, but whatever, I still love Jesus."? Read Genesis 39:1-18, and give at least five principles of abstaining and living in obedience to our heavenly Father.
6. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. Notice the context (passages before and after). Draw what you think is Christ's greatest motivation for enduring the cross. How is this our great motivation as well? Conclude by turning Hebrews 12:1-2 into a prayer.

LIVING HOPE: Studies in I Peter *"My Enemies Will Not Prevail"* (I Peter 2:11,12)

I. Not a Laughing Matter

II. Knowing Who We Are

1. Enemy at the Gate

2. Knowing Who We Are

1. B _____

2. S _____ & P _____

3. C _____

III. Living According to Who We Are

1. Striking at the Core

2. Turn Away and Turn To

1. Turn away from sin by turning to the _____ .

2. Turn away from sin by turning to the _____ .

3. Turn away from sin by turning to new _____ .

4. Turn away from sin by always returning to _____ .