



Series: 1 Peter

Passage 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Title: Results That Matter

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Discussion Starter

Is it difficult to live out your faith? Consider how your life has become “better” since coming to your faith. What does “better” mean to you? Has your understanding of scripture changed the way you see life’s difficulties?

Boot camp for your brain begins with God’s word

- How do you cope with difficulty? Why is it attractive to turn to worldly coping mechanisms (alcohol, drugs, and anger)?
- How does this relate to “girding up the loins of your mind? (verse 13)
- Does your life reflect the transforming work that Jesus has done on the cross? (verse 14)

Spiritually healthy choices results in holy living

- Given that we are sinners, how is it possible to be holy? (verse 15-16)
- What is a healthy choice in this context? How might these choices impact other believers? How might unhealthy choices impact other believers? Non-believers?
- What does “fear” mean in verse 18? Does Peter mean that we should live well because we are afraid of God?

The body is defined by the blood of Jesus

- Jesus sacrificed himself for us – a “lamb without blemish”. Consider and discuss the price paid for your salvation. How do you think God sees you considering this?
- How do we participate in the “purifying” of our souls?
- How do you when you think you have been used (taken advantage of) by someone in the church? How do you respond? Do you respond differently when offended by another believer?
- How is being hurt by another believer a particularly difficult form of persecution?

Holy living comes through following Jesus Christ

- Have you hurt another believer (intentionally or unintentionally)? Have you offended God?
- Have you tasted God’s graciousness? What does this mean?