

Living It Up Series | 1 Peter | WEEK 3

Week 3: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Main Idea: I can live Holy because HE IS HOLY!

Intro:

- Hello and Welcome to _____ (insert student ministry name)
 - We are so glad you are here!
- We want you to Learn it, Live it, and Give it, with 'it' being the Gospel
- Want you to have your relationship with the Lord!

Series:

- We started a new series last week called Living It Up
 - This phrase usually connects with living your best life now, having the most fun you can have, or taking advantage of all this life has to offer.
- What we are searching for in this series is how the Lord is calling us to live Holy!
 - V. 16 calls for us to be holy because the Lord is Holy

DQ 1- What do you think it looks like to live perfectly?

- This is the opening hook question so really allow for students to engage here
 - Could be an opportunity to encourage students to share ideas and how we want to hear their honest thoughts.
 - I want some students to think that they can live perfectly. Maybe they think, "Hey, I am not a bad person. I am genuinely nice to everyone. I am a good student, etc." I make some mistakes here and there, so I may not live perfectly, but I am pretty darn close!
 - Don't be afraid of being pushy here!
 - Extra Questions:
 - Do you think people can live perfectly? Why or why not?
 - Do you think you can or do live perfectly? Why or why not?

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-16

- Context
 - Peter- one of Jesus' disciples. One of the closest three
 - Writing to believers in Asia Minor. Modern Day Turkey
 - He is encouraging them because they are being attacked because of their faith
- Another way of understanding holy is perfect

DQ 2- Peter is encouraging the church in Asia Minor to 'be holy in all your conduct' because God is Holy.

Read Romans 6:17-20. In verse 20, it talks about how Paul isn't choosing to sin, but it is the sin, or sin nature, which is within him. How can we be holy if we still have a sinful nature?

- I am asking this question to put students between a rock and a hard place.
- The answer is we cannot live in this tension alone! This is why we need a savior, and we need the Holy Spirit within us to be holy (Romans 8:9, 1 Cor 6:19-20)
- We can only have the Holy Spirit if we believe in Jesus because Jesus makes us Holy!
 - 2 Cor 5
 - Romans 3:22, 24, and 26
 - Romans 5:1, 11
- Let the students stew on this question for a while
 - Push them to think deeper by asking them clarifying questions and also question what they say.
 - They really should not have a clear answer to this question

Extra Question: With everything we have talked about this evening, how do we pursue holiness in our lives?

- Allow the students to give their thoughts here, but depending on how you are feeling about your pod you can take them through some of the ideas below.
- Putting our faith in Jesus!
 - See verses above
- How Peter encouraged the churches in 1 Peter 1!
 - Prepare your minds for action
 - Eph 6- Armor of God
 - Being sober-minded
 - Being alert- 1 Peter 5:8
 - Not allowing your mind to be deceived
 - Set your hope on the grace that is brought to us at the Revelation of Jesus!
 - This is the hope that we must look forward to!
 - Marriage supper of the lamb (Rev. 19)
 - New heaven and new Earth (Rev. 21-22)
 - Don't be conformed to passions of your former ways of sin
 - We are a new creation! (2 Cor 5:17)

Final Punch:

- We can only be holy because of Jesus' sacrifice
- We should pursue holiness in our lives
 - Hebrews 12:1- cast off sin
- 2 Timothy 2:22- flee from youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace