

Living It Up Series | 1 Peter | WEEK 4

Week 4: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Main Idea: I can live Holy because GOD IS OMNISCIENT(All-Knowing)

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 are in a series 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

DQ1: Do you know someone who just seems like they know everything?

- This answer could be positive or negative:
 - This can be a positive in terms of someone being very smart
 - It also can be negative in terms of someone being a 'know it all.'
- This is our intro question so things to remember:
 - Do not try and provide affirmation because students will just try and give an answer that is 'right' in your eyes
 - Encourage students to be open and vulnerable in this time and share things that might be hard
 - Also, encourage that this pod that you all are in is a small family to love and build up one another!
 - There is no 'right' or 'wrong' answer here! This is a question to get the students thinking

Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

DQ2: Let's define a few terms from our passage! What do you think ransomed, forefathers, blemish, and foreknown all mean? Where have you heard these before?

- Take some answers and see how the students work together to figure out the definitions of these terms! Don't feel take too much time doing these though
 - I will be bringing us together to recap these terms

- **Definitions:**

- Ransomed- Release of a prisoner after receiving a payment
- Forefathers- a member of the past generations of one's family or people; an ancestor
- Blemish- a flaw that spoils the appearance of something
- Foreknown- be aware of an event before it happens

DQ3: With the now understanding God had planned, or foreknown, that Jesus would save (ransom) us from our sins, how does this make you feel?

- This question might seem easy for students to answer the 'right' way. However, I would encourage them to think deeper.

Extra Questions to push them deeper and be strategic here with your pod and what you believe how they need to be pushed. Each of these questions aims at something different to pull out of students:

- How do you feel about a being knowing every thought that you have had in the past, having now in the present, and will have in the future?
 - This question may be used to see how students feel about someone knowing their thoughts. This will make them uncomfortable and could be an opportunity to ask why it makes them uncomfortable because of sin.
 - We should have a fear (reverence or respect) of the Lord! 1 Peter 1:16 talks about how we should conduct ourselves with a fear of the Lord.
- Is it hard to believe that there is a being out there that knows everything? Why or why not?
 - This question may be used to see where some of your pod is at and where they may need Scripture/encouraged that the Lord is real!
 - John 1:1-3, 14- Jesus was there at the beginning
 - Col 1:16- Jesus helped create the world
 - Rev. 3:14- Jesus is the beginning and end
 - Ecclesiastes 3:11- God has put eternity upon our hearts
 - We can understand that there is something bigger than us out there
 - Romans 1:20- People understand there is God because looking at His creation
- Does it make sense that God knew we would need to be saved before the world was created?
 - This is a tough question and one that has puzzled me in my walk with the Lord. This question aims to make students think deeper about the

Lord and they could even question why God would allow sin into the world!

- I also wonder why God would allow sin into the world! This doesn't make sense! However, there are some things that we won't understand from God (Deut 29:29, Isaiah 55:8-9).
- Also though, looking to Scripture and specifically, *Psalm 139*, should encourage us that the Lord knows us so well!
- Also, that 1 John 3:20 says that God knows everything
- With these 2 passages, we could understand that God knew that we would fall, and we would need a savior!

Another question: The book of Revelation is about the revealing of Jesus Christ, and how the world will end/be remade. Knowing that God has all of this planned out already, how does this make you feel?

Extra Passages for God being all-knowing:

- Psalm 139- Understanding how deeply God knows us
- 1 John 3:20- God knows everything
- Eph 1- Predestined us before the foundation of the world

Final Punch: I can live holy because... God is omniscient (All-knowing)

- Hebrews 11- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for
- Because God knows all, this should lead us to further trust and dependence on God