

Living It Up Series | 1 Peter | WEEK 5

Week 5: 1 Peter 1:22-25

Main Idea: I can live Holy because I CAN BE OBEDIENT TO GOD!

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.
- In this series, we are searching for how the Lord is calling us to live Holy!
 - V. 16 calls for us to be holy because the Lord is Holy

DQ 1- **Is being obedient always a good thing? Why or why not? Is there a time when it is ok to be disobedient?**

- Being obedient is a good thing. However, I want the students to think deeper about why obedience is important. **We need to understand WHO/WHAT we are obedient to is so significant!**
- Possible answers:
 - I believe everyone will say obedience is always a good thing. But a good response to this answer is what if someone commanded you to jump off a cliff. **Is it good to be obedient in that circumstance?**
 - Odds are students will say it is not good to be obedient in that circumstance.
- This is an opportunity to push them farther by thinking about different scenarios about where it might be good to be disobedient
 - It seems most scenarios where it may be ok to be disobedient is when someone of authority over you does not have a love for you, and either want to see you destroyed or the person in authority given more power or prestige
 - We see this similar idea with the Devil and how he wants to destroy us! – 1 Peter 5:8
- **Let's be cautious about who/what we are obeying because it may be leading us down a road of destruction!**

Extra Questions:

- Where in society is it good to be obedient?

- Traffic laws, being respectful of others while they are talking, etc.
- What happens if we are disobedient to traffic laws?
- Are there benefits to being obedient? If so, what are they? Are there any benefits to being disobedient? If so, what are they?

Point to add:

- This is not an excuse to be disobedient to everyone. We can reveal our love for Christ by how we are obedient to people in authority!

Reading- 1 Peter 1:22-25

- This passage talks about how we should be obedient to God's Word, and how the Holy Spirit is the imperishable seed

DQ 2- Read these passages. What do they say about God's Word and the Holy Spirit? I would divide up these passages amongst the group and have them read them and then discuss what it reveals either about God's Word or the Holy Spirit.

- God's Word
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17-
 - God's breathed out Word.
 - For teaching
 - Reproof (shows where we are wrong)
 - Correction
 - Training to look more like Christ
 - Hebrews 4:12
 - Living
 - Active
 - Able to pierce our hearts to change us
 - Shows us if the thoughts and intentions of our hearts are good or bad
- Holy Spirit
 - John 14:26- Teaches us
 - John 16:8- Convicts
 - John 16:13- Guides us in all truth
 - Galatians 5:22-26- Fruit of the Spirit is created as we stay in step with the Spirit
 - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18- Being changed from the inside out to look more like Christ

DQ 3- What are some ways we can be obedient to God?

- Yes, reading the Bible and praying are great... but let's go deeper and practical steps!
- James 1:22-25- Being doers of the Word
 - Not just reading God's Word but putting it into action!

- This should make the students uncomfortable because it is impossible to fully follow God's Word, and this is why we need help!

- Matthew 28:19-20- Making disciples of Jesus
 - This involves you being a disciple! Do students need help in being a disciple?
- Romans 10:15- Telling people about the Gospel
- Galatians 5:25-26- Walking in step with the Spirit
 - Being aware of the Spirit's leading to do God's Work of caring for others
 - Giving them grace, truth, love, etc.
 - Important! – Students need the Holy Spirit in them for this!

Other Passages- About how the Holy Spirit works in us

- Romans 8:26- Helps us, and intercedes for us
- Acts 1:8- With the Holy Spirit we will be God's witnesses throughout the entire world

Final Punch-

- Following God's Word helps us obey
- Our love for God pushes us to obey