

Community Group Discussion Guide
1 Peter 1:20-25
(Week of January 15, 2023)

Getting to know you

1. What are some things you believe to be true but have never experienced personally?
2. Looking back at the sermon from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, was reminded of, or was a big take away for you?
3. Take a few minutes and read aloud 1 Peter 1:20-25

Getting into the text:

Peter now encourages believers to be rooted in the truth of the Gospel, this truth is lived out in loving kingdom relationships between believers. Peter, emphasized this biblical command makes them stand out among others in their culture.

4. In verses 20 what can we learn about God's redemptive plan for mankind?
 1. What does this tell us about God's character and attributes? (See Genesis 3)
5. Reading verse 20 & 21 how can we apply the Gospel to our lives and give hope to others?
6. Reading verse 22 we pick up on some key terms to be discussed and understood considering the previous section of scripture.
 - What does it mean to have purified our souls?
 - Does this mean we have a part to play in our sanctification? Explain your response.
 - How can we today love one another with true brotherly love? (See Leviticus 19:18, 1 Corinthians 13, John 13:34, Romans 12:10, Hebrews 13:1)
 - How have you lived out this biblical imperative this week in your own life?
7. Read verse 23 and unpack the ideal of being born again. (See John 3)

The term "Born Again" in western culture can often mean many different things considering many churches have adopted a cultural Christianity.

- How would you explain what the text is saying when using the term born again?
- Peter closes out by laying out two types of seeds, perishable and imperishable, what distinction is the writer making?
- Reading verses 24 and 25 what does this say about God, about truth and about us?
- What role does preaching play in salvation and sanctification?

Close in Prayer: