

## **STUDY GUIDE: FAITH IS LIFE**

### **“The Identity Of The Faithful” (1 Peter 2:1-12)**

#### **Discussion Starters**

1. Give two words which describe you as a Christian.
2. Give two words the world might use to describe a Christian.

**Study:** Read the second chapter of 1 Peter in preparation for the following questions in at least two translations (not a paraphrase).

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms, and note how understanding this term helps you understand the passage.

--“wickedness” (1 Peter 2:1)—

--“slander” (1 Peter 2:1)—

--“choice” (1 Peter 2:4)—

--“disappointed” (1 Peter 2:6)—

--“rock of offense” (1 Peter 2:8)—

--“chosen race” (1 Peter 2:9)— (EXTRA CREDIT: Explain what “race” means here)

--“excellent” (1 Peter 2:12)—

--“visitation” (1 Peter 2:12)—

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4. Why was the stone rejected by men (2:4)? Is this the same today? Please explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is the function of a priest?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. From this passage, who are priests today? What does this say about denominations who have special “priesthoods”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How can the “stone” be a cause for stumbling and offense? Can you give a contemporary example? (HINT: the answer is frequently in the scripture.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. From this passage, describe what a Christian is, and why s/he is this.

**Taking It Home** (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

9. Is this (your answer to question 8) how you see yourself? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Peter addresses his readers desires several times. What desires drive you (be honest—you don’t have to share this if you don’t want to)? What comes from the fulfillment of these desires in your life? What other desires could you put in their place?