

Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10, 2018 - "Everyday Saints - Week 1" - Gerald Coleman

Key Passages: 1 Peter 1:1-7, 1 Peter 1:14-16, 1 Peter 2:9-10, 1 Peter 3:15

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- When we think of saints we often think of "special" human beings who did all these great things
- Anyone who is redeemed by the blood of the Lamb is a saint (what we do on a daily basis is important)
- We don't want to switch up FAME and FAITHFULNESS (faithfulness gets God's attention)
- 1 Peter: Peter is writing from Rome to those dispersed throughout the Roman empire
- He's writing to the **chosen** (redeemed by Jesus) and **exiled** (the church is being persecuted)
- The church needed encouragement and we need encouragement now
- Peter's 4 Encouragements
 - 1) **Don't forget to celebrate salvation** (1 Peter 1:3-5)
 - Though there is pain/turmoil we have an inheritance that is imperishable (and we praise God for this)
 - We have to be aware: we are being marginalized but also lulled to sleep by being comfortable at times
 - How do we live out our faith when we are marginalized but also comfortable
 - 2) **Live with eternal perspective** (1 Peter 1:6-7)
 - Trials are for a little while only
 - What is after is so much better
 - 3) **Embrace Holiness** (1 Peter 1:14-16)
 - Beyond the outward appearance and not about being perfect
 - When we encounter God's presence the Holy Spirit convicts us and we want to respond out of love
 - It's not about condemnation BUT conviction
 - "The root determines the fruit"...Holiness is a byproduct of time spent in God's presence
 - 1 Peter 2:9-10: Set apart as a Holy nation and a royal priesthood
 - Holiness is pursuing God
 - 4) **Engage the world** (John 17:14-19)
 - Set apart BUT NOT disengaged from the world
 - Too much leading with our mouths and not enough with our lives
 - God wants light to shine in the midst of darkness
- 1 Peter 3:15
 - Believers were accused of incest (calling one another brother/sister) and cannibalism (communion)
 - They had to be ready to explain why they did what they did and lived how they lived
 - We need to be prepared to give an answer...at all time

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Which one of Peter's 4 encouragements resonates with you the most? Why?
2. What does it look like for you and your community/family/friends to celebrate salvation?
3. How do you think God wants you to develop your eternal perspective
4. How has it been for you embracing holiness? What has been good? What has been bad? What have you learned?
5. Share an example of a time when your pursuit of God and time spent in His presence resulted in holiness
6. How is God asking you to shine light into the darkness and engage the world?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Acts 16 Tues: Acts 17 Wed: Acts 18 Thurs: Acts 19 Fri: Acts 20