

“Find Us Faithful” (2012 Theme)  
Chapter 2 –“Being Faithful to Christ Today”  
“Know Who You Are and Where You Are Going”  
(I Peter 1:1-6)  
April 15, 2012

**As a Christ-follower, who are you?**

1. You are chosen by God. (1:1)
  
2. You are known by God the Father. (1:2)
  
3. You are set apart by God the Spirit. (1:2)
  
4. You are cleansed by God the Son. (1:2)
  
5. You are born again! (1:3)

**As a Christ-follower, where are you going?**

1. You are to live in obedience to Jesus Christ. (1:2)
  
2. You are to live with hope. (1:3)
  
3. You are to face death with confidence. (1:4)
  
4. You are to live a life of rejoicing. (1:6)

**Application:**

1. Which element of your “identity” was new to you? Which one did you especially need to hear today?
2. As you think of your purpose as a Christ-follower, ask the Lord to help you live out His purposes in your life.

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion  
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1. Our identity can be connected to our families, money, our possessions, our hobbies, our looks, our jobs, etc. What has your identity been tied to? When a person comes to Christ, we realize that we are "chosen by God" (I Peter 1:1; 2:9) When did God choose us? (Eph. 1:4) What does this truth from Scripture say about your value in God's eyes?
2. God's choice of the Christ-follower is based on knowledge. (I Peter 1:2) He really "knows" you. Share a time in your life when you felt like no one really understood or "knew" you. Before we could impress God or earn His favor He reached out to us. Discuss the scope of the Sovereignty of God as it relates to human responsibility. (Isa. 46:9-10; Ps. 115:3 and Rom. 10:13)
3. What role does the Holy Spirit have in our salvation? (I Peter 1:2) Discuss the definitions and three stages of "sanctification." (To be set apart unto God.)
  - Positional – from the penalty of sin.
  - Practical – from the power of sin.
  - Permanent – from the presence of sin.
4. What role does the work of the cross of Christ have in our salvation? (I Peter 1:2) Review the story in Ex. 24 and the significance of the people being "sprinkled with blood." (v. 3, 8) What impact on our choices should the cleansing work of Christ have on our choices?
5. Discuss the Biblical definition of being "born again." (I Peter 1:3; Jn. 3:7) What are some of the secular uses of this phrase? How does this truth impact your "identity?"
6. Also, as a Christ-follower, we have a new purpose in life. According to I Peter 1:2 we were saved for what purpose? Describe a life of obedience to Christ. How is it different than living by "rules?" (Rom. 1:5; 6:17; 2 Cor. 10:5)
7. In addition our purpose on earth is to live with hope in a hopeless world. What happened to Jesus that gives us our hope? (I Peter 1:3) Contrast a "dead" hope of the world with a "living" hope in Christ. (Prov. 10:28; Job 8:13; Eph. 2:12) (Also Titus 2:13; Heb. 6:19; Rom. 5:2)
8. How does the Christian face death? What promises do we have from the Lord? (I Peter 1:4-5) (2 Tim. 4:18; Col. 1:5) According to I Peter 1:6, "In this you rejoice..." What does the world tend to turn to find happiness? How is Biblical joy different? Review our source of joy. (Phil. 4:4; Ps. 16:11; Rom. 5:2,5; I Thess. 2:19-20; Phil. 2:2; Jn. 15:11)