

Sequim Community Church
Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study
February 27, 2024 Sharyn Fuller - Teaching Leader
LESSON FIVE - HOLY SPIRIT SERIES: "Transformation of Peter"
"Understanding The Holy Spirit Made Easy" reading: pp. 79-87

- 1). In a dictionary or a bible dictionary, what is the meaning of "transformation?"

- 2). In 2 Corinthians 3:14-18, what are we being transformed into?

- 3). In the 4 verses below, what does it mean to be "born again?"

John 1:12-13

John 3:3

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 John 4:7

Simon Peter before Pentecost:

- 4). In each of these familiar stories below, how does Jesus respond to Peter?

Matthew 16:21-23

Matthew 18:21-27-28

Matthew 19:27-28

Matthew 26:40-41

Luke 5:6-10

Luke 22:60-62

John 13:33-38

John 18:10-11

5). In each of these stories, what did Simon Peter do or say that showed his sensitivity to the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 16:15-16

John 6:60-68

Peter after Pentecost:

Jesus told His disciples to be His witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. After Pentecost, Peter preached boldly and fearlessly. He usually included these same 6 topics:

a) Jesus' deity, b) Jesus' life, c) Jesus' death, d) audience roles in Jesus' death, e) Jesus' resurrection and f) what they should do in response.

6). In Acts 3:12-21: 4:3, what does Peter say about each topic (a-f) and what was the result of his preaching? Do you see Peter boasting about himself?

7). (Luke 12:11-12) Jesus had taught the disciples with these words. Do you think Peter remembered those words when He preached in various situations, especially when preaching to the Sanhedrin which had arrested and killed Jesus? (Acts 4:1-22)?

How might those words in Luke help you in situations where you do not know what to say about Jesus or your faith?

8). Peter was humbly obeying what Jesus had told the apostles to do. In Acts 5:12-18, in Jerusalem, it looks like the beginning of the church of Jerusalem. What was happening publicly?

9). Acts 5:25-26; 5:40-42. What did Peter and the other apostles also suffer for this public preaching?

10). About 2-4 years later, in Acts 9:31, what does Luke say is the condition of the church? How does this indicate that the apostles were witnessing as Jesus had instructed them (see before question #6)?

11). (Acts chapter 10) What were two different things about the circumstances of Peter visiting the home of Cornelius?

12). 1 Peter was probably written about 64 A.D. It centers around the individual believer amidst a community of believers. Skim 1 Peter. Can you imagine Peter saying these things before Pentecost? Why or why not? Do you see echoes of Jesus' teachings?

13). [NOTE: leaders, please have each person answer this question]. In 1 Peter, these are the topic headings of chapters 1-5 in the NIV Bible. Which one of these topics challenges or comforts you?

Chapter 1: Praise to God for a Living Hope, Be Holy.

Chapter 2: A Living Stone and a Chosen People, Living Godly Lives in a Pagan Society

Chapter 3: Suffering for Doing Good

Chapter 4: Living for God, Suffering for Being a Christian

Chapter 5: To the Elders and the Flock

14). In 1 Peter 1:1-2, is there a phrase or phrases that gets your attention? What does it mean to you?

15). Peter speaks about a living hope in chapter 1:3-6. What is the living hope of Christians? Is it your hope also?

16). One of the themes of 1 Peter chapter 1 is being holy and regarding our heavenly Father with reverent fear. What does he say to you in these 2 verses?

Chapter 1:21-22

Chapter 2:1-2: Define those 5 words that Peter says we should rid from ourselves?
(malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander)

17). In 1 Peter chapter 2, He discussed being a living stone and a chosen people. Jesus had given Peter the name that means stone. Do you see a connection between Jesus as the cornerstone and Peter's calling us living stones? What are we being built into? What are our sacrifices (Hebrews 13:15-16 or any others verses you like)?

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