



## Session 1

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### Big Idea:

By the power of the Holy Spirit who we are in Christ, is who we are for Christ.

### GROUP OPENER

What is the mission of Jesus?

How does that inform our mission as his followers?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read 1 Peter 2:1-10 Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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### ACTION STEPS

*I will statement...*

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will \_\_\_\_\_". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share your "I Will" statement with the group.

### As a Group

Discuss how open you think people are generally to talking about matters of faith.

According to a 2023 Barna study, we find out the following:

- (53%) of non-Christian teens in the U.S. are somewhat to very motivated to learn more about Jesus.
- (74%) of U.S. adults want to grow spiritually and (77%) believe there is a higher power.
- (71%) of U.S. adults had a positive perspective of Jesus.

Discuss if talking about your faith with others is easy or difficult for you. If there is a specific time you have done that recently share that as well.

Brainstorm some ways as a group that can make those conversations easier.

The Barna study also concluded "Across every generation, we see an unprecedented desire to grow spiritually, a belief in a spiritual/supernatural dimension and a belief in God or a higher power"

Talking about, talking about Jesus is easy. The difficult part is putting intentional steps in place to do that with others. What steps will you take to be intentional?

Ask for accountability with your group next time on your "I will" statement.

### On Your Own

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