



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: What is the Good Church? - I Peter 2:1-10

GETTING STARTED

- What kind of church culture did you grow up in and how did it help shape you?
- What does it mean for a church culture to be good?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

- How would you describe the culture at Westwood currently? What are the main things that help define our church (our values)?
- What would you say is the purpose of the church? How does this differ from what Steve shared on Sunday and what Peter shares in I Peter 2:9?
- Steve mentioned “how we understand and feel about our relationship with God is formed and fostered by the culture of the church we are in.” Do you agree or disagree? How has your relationship with God been formed as a result of Westwood?

QUESTIONS FROM THE PASSAGE (I Peter 2:1-10)

- What is the pure spiritual milk that Peter tells the church to desire? (vs. 1-3)
- Why is it significant that Peter calls Christians living stones and holy priests? (vs. 5)
- Why does Peter say people stumble at the stone the builders rejected (Jesus)? (vs. 7-8) How could Christ cause someone to stumble?
- What will we be proclaiming about God as He calls us out of darkness into light? How/When/Where is this done? (vs. 9)

APPLICATION

- Of the 4 marks of a good church that Peter writes about in I Peter 2:1-10 (Growing maturity, Secure foundation, Embracing a new identity, Clear purpose), which one do you see our church struggle with the most? What about you personally?
- How does Peter’s description of our new identity in Christ challenge the way you view the church and yourself? (Read I Peter 2:9)
- Take time to pray for one another.