

# D I F F E R E N T

## 1 Peter - Living a Life that's Different

### Key Scriptures

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*Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*

1 Peter 1:13-21 NIV

#### Why Holy?

- God asks us to be holy because He is holy.
- *Hágios*—holy, set apart, different, pure.
- We're not talking about **behavior modification**. We're talking about **spiritual transformation**.
- Living holy isn't the path to knowing Christ. Knowing Christ is the path to living Holy.

### Session 2

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What did you do in your childhood just to fit in?
- Is there anything from the message this week that keeps replying in your mind?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- How would you describe the most important ways God asks us to be different?
- Why do you think it's so easy to start looking like the rest of the world?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What are some of the most obvious ways you're different from the world?
- What are three areas you most often find yourself trying to fit in?
- Describe a time you put your happiness above God's call for you to be different. How did it turn out?
- What's one way you know God is asking you to be different?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, You are holy. We want to be more like You. We invite you to look deep inside our lives and show us what we can change. Jesus, thank You for being with us and for being worth it. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Tell your group or someone in your group at least one thing you're going to stop so you can live differently.
- Being different isn't just subtraction—it's also addition. What good, godly things can you add to your week?