

LINK group Homework

Week of February 12, 2017

Choosing Christ

I Peter 4:1-6

MY STORY

1. Do you have any old habits that you finally kicked? Are there any habits you have that you want to quit but haven't yet?
2. This past Friday was national pizza day, what is your favorite place to eat pizza? What are your usual toppings? What would you make into a national day?
3. If you could learn a new hobby/trade, what would you choose and why?

QUICK REVIEW: What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. On Sunday, we talked about the main command in this section was to "arm yourself." What is the role of discipline in our lives? See I Cor 9:24-27, Eph 6:10-18, Heb 12:1-2. Why do we resist discipline? What are some areas you struggle in?
2. God calls us to live in the world but not be of the world. What are some of the sharpest areas of difference between God's standards for us and what the world has for standards?

3. Peter's list includes many sins revolving around the use of alcohol. Think biblically about the role of alcohol and sin. What are the upsides and downsides of alcohol? Can we make a correlation between alcohol and sin?

4. Peter identifies one of the reasons why the world hates us—we don't act like them. We see this today in the intolerant "tolerance" movement today who tries to silence those with whom they disagree. What is a Christian to do when it comes to political correctness? Are there other reasons why the world may not like us?

By nature, we want to fit in and not be singled out as different or weird. Living for God will always cause us to stand out in a crowd and expose us to ridicule and even persecution. Living for the world will always cause us to stand before God in shame and disappointment. One is temporal, one is eternal; which will you choose?

Prayer requests: