

West Side Church of Christ - Online Church Resource Page

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HOME BIBLE STUDY - Saturday night or Sunday morning

1. Read the story before the message:

1. Read 1 Peter 1 - 2:10
2. For Kids Resources
 1. [blank paper, colors and pencils] Take a moment read aloud 1 Peter 1 - 2:10 and have the kids draw the images that come to their mind
 2. Bonus: Right Now Media: 1 Peter – Where Does Hope Come From? Phil Fischer Session 6 (1 Peter 2:1-3) <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/277852?episode=6>.

2. Overview

3. Identity is tricky, in fact over our lifetime we will likely be identified as many different things. A child in school might be identified by their grade. An adult is identified by occupation or many occupations such as home maker, parent, teacher, salesman, etc. A baseball player is identified as someone who play's baseball. As Christians we are identified as people who follow the teachings of Jesus. As a person who follows Jesus we often are identified by the church we attend. In today's discussion we discover that our identity is much more than where and when we might attend church services, but as people who have a foundation build on the teachings and messages of Jesus the Christ. As you read 1 Peter we discover a reminder around the cause and effect of Jesus and are challenged to strengthen our foundation. Pay special attention to the first part of chapter 2.

• Discussion questions:

- Go around the room and discuss your first thoughts about the story.
- Additional questions
 1. [Children] What's your favorite Jesus story? Why?
 2. [Children] Stories and Songs are powerful, try and sing 'Blue Sky's and Rainbows' without smiling? It's hard isn't it. When we read and think about the Jesus stories we can't but help let it give us power and encouragement.

3. [Children - Adults] Isn't interesting in the second chapter Peter encourages us to crave spiritual milk? What is spiritual milk? Why do you think Peter encourages us to keep 'feeding' on the same stories and messages?
4. [Children - Adults] Sometimes our translations of the Bible can speak in a different language or use words we typically do not use. Take a few moments to review 2:1 and discuss what each of these words might mean in today's context.
5. [Children] What's your favorite thing about going to church?
6. [Teens - Adults] How are you or can you make the study of Jesus a daily activity? How does this shape your identity?
7. [Teens - Adults] Our identity as Christians is rooted in the word of God, the teachings of Jesus. It's been difficult to see some of our High School students having their band, baseball, track and other activities taken away from them. That's why it is important to be rooted in Christ first (Lover of God and people) and everything else second. Do you agree? Why or Why not?
8. [Teens] In Spiderman Homecoming, there is a scene where Tony Stark takes away Spiderman's suit (15 year old boy, who messed up) Spiderman say's 'I'm nothing without this suit.' Tony Stark say's 'if your nothing without this suit then you shouldn't have it'. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9esCA8_EPeY) What was taken away from you these past few weeks that defined you too much and without it you feel little lost?
9. [Adults] It's been strange not meeting together with others at the church building but that hasn't kept us from gathering. How has your personal faith strengthened or weakened over the last few weeks? Why?
10. Take a moment and pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the opportunities we have as a church body.