



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Tough Questions”**

**Complement to sermon on 09/09/2018 – “If God is Sovereign, can I Really Choose?”**

### **ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. What are you looking forward to most about Fall?
2. Would you rather have the hiccups all day or be up sneezing all night?

### **MEMORIZE – 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15**

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

### **READ – 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1**

#### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Peter writes his letters to the “elect exiles ... according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.”
  - a. What does it mean to be elect?
  - b. What is foreknowledge?
  - c. What is significant about the elect being foreknown by God?
4. According to Peter, what is the source of any believer’s new life? (hint: v3) In other words, who is active (the one doing) and who is passive (the one receiving)?
5. What are the actions (theologians call this “man’s responsibility) that Peter is commanding all those who have been brought to new life to follow? (hint: v 13-16, 22-23, 2:1-12)
6. Based on 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, what conclusions can you make about God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility? Do they contradict or complement? How?

Summarize 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1 in your own words:

## **Experiential: Not a Passing Trend**

Take time and google trends/fads from previous generations ... you can look at games, fashion, hairstyles. Have fun as you look at these and some of us may even be reminiscing. By the way, it's ok to laugh. Talk about current fads/trends. After some discussion, read again 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:22-25. Unlike fads and trends which are here today and gone tomorrow, what does Peter say about the gospel in v25? Take time to reflect on what the gospel is then answer the following questions.

1. Why is it important to know that the gospel isn't just another fad?
2. What confidence does this give the believer?
3. What importance does this give for us sharing the gospel?

## **Testimony Time?**

What difference has the gospel made in your life?

**SING** (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

**Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery -**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqWilp\\_KLUc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqWilp_KLUc)

**Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly – Mennonite Hymnal #585**

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Gracious Father, thank you for causing us to be born again. We pray for greater urgency to share Jesus with those around us, to hear the gospel message that you would cause them to be born again as well. Amen.