

LIVING TODAY FOR TOMORROW...AS GOD'S TRANSFORMED PEOPLE

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1 Peter 4:1-11 (Series #6)

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The challenge of living a different life...

Solomon Asch conformity experiment

Transformed from...(v2-5)

“Living for earthly desires” or excesses of ‘do what feels good to you’

Debauchery

Lust

Drunkenness

Orgies

Carousing

Idolatory

Transformed into...(v7-11)

Urgent people

Prayerful people

Loving people

Welcoming people

Gifted servants

The transformed life is...

Permanent by the Holy Spirit

Pure & Perfect in Christ

Puts God first

Persecuted

Key Verse...

*God has given each of you a gift
from his great variety of gifts.*

Use them well

to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10 NLT

APPLICATION / LIFE GROUP INTERACTION

Getting Started What is your measure of success? Do you suspect that it is different to others you may know?

Read aloud 1 Peter 4:1-11 and identify any exceptional words or concepts.

Compare these in different versions of the Bible if possible.

Compare among the group your personal notes or thoughts from the sermon.

Solomon Asch did some classic experiments in the 50's on the power of 'group thinking' or conformity. Something we call today peer pressure. Watch the 5min youtube video titled "Asch Conformity Experiment". Discuss.

How does this relate to living the Christian life in a secular society? What from the experiment can help us live as God's transformed people?

This passage in 1 Peter encourages those living in the Greco-Roman world to live differently and not in the excesses of the culture around them (v2-5). Look carefully at this list. What is still relevant today? What other challenges to our living might there be from the popular culture you live in? How does knowing Jesus require you to live differently?

Look through v7-11 to explore and discuss together what Peter is encouraging people to be transformed into.

As a group make a list for today's Christians of we have been transformed from and we are being transformed into.

Matthew chapter 8 and 9 have many stories of Jesus transforming lives. Pick one spend time quietly asking Jesus to reveal the power of this story for your life now. Take turns sharing your learning.

Practice the memory verse together (4:10). Understand and memorise the verse. What gifts do you think God has given you and how are you serving God today? Is there something God is calling you as a group to do that you might ask someone about?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the transformation you have seen in your life and in others.

- Ask God to challenge you to further transformation in Christ.

- Encourage each other in prayer.