

Bible Summary

I Peter

Exiles

Peter calls believers elect exiles a strange combination of words. We are chosen rejects. A big question in Christian circles is what does it mean to be elect or chosen. This question has divided the church for hundreds of years. The book of Acts seems to shed some light on our election and shows that God is in heaven and does what He wants.

Scriptures --1 Peter 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:16; Acts 2, 4:13, 8-10, 16; 1 Timothy 2:1-4, 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 22:17; 1 Timothy 2:6; 2 Peter 2:1; Matthew 5:43-45; Psalm 115:3, 119:68

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

- 1. When and how did you get saved?**
- 2. A broken seeker, an angry hater and a good guy were all saved. Which one of these most closely resembles your salvation story?**
- 3. Have you ever felt a sense of rejection at church? How do we as the body of Christ reach people who are rejected in today's society?**
- 4. God uses unqualified people (i.e. Peter). Do you feel disqualified in some way?**
- 5. Why is the fact that God is God and does whatever He pleases (Psalm 115:3) so difficult for non-believers and many believers to accept?**
- 6. Why do you think the Bible includes such a broad range of salvation stories? (Ethiopian eunuch, Saul, Cornelius in Acts 8-10)**
 - a. Why do you think God didn't give us a specific formula to get saved?**
 - b. What do these different salvation stories show us about the nature of God?**
- 7. In Acts 10, God uses Peter (not just the angel) to share the Gospel with Cornelius.**
 - a. What are some practical ways we can prepare ourselves to be used by God in this way?**
 - b. As believers, what keeps you from saying, "Why not me?"**

“Getting to Know You” Questions

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you’re particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
3. What is one thing you are looking forward to?
4. How can we pray for you this week?

Injured Reserve:

8. Do you know a “god fearer” like Cornelius that might be close to salvation? How can you, like Peter, reach out to them?
9. Cornelius was a man of prayer and generosity. Do you feel these are growth areas for you?