

1 Peter: Living for God in a Difficult World

God the Spirit Changed Our Hearts

1 Peter 1:1-2

The Spirit has changed our desires

(Eph 2:2-3; Ezek 36:26-27; Rom 6:2, 6; Gen 6:5; Prov 4:23; Matt 5:8)

The Spirit gave us a new power over sin

(Gal 5:22-23; Phil 2:13)

We are aliens living on the wrong planet

(1 Pet 2:11; Matt 17:17)

Because we have been recreated differently, God wants us to live differently

(1 Pet 2:11; 1 Pet 1:14-16; 2 Cor 6:14-18)

Applications

1) Get rid of a traitor (1 Pet 2:11; Matt 5:27-30)

2) Welcome a helper (2 Samuel 11:1-2)

Discussion ?'s

- 1) What was especially meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) What are sinful habits you had in your life before you were a Christian and how has God changing your heart affected those habits?
- 3) In what ways does this world make you feel like an alien?
- 4) What is a "traitor" you want to remove from your life that tempts you to sin?
- 5) What is a "helper" you want to add to your life to help you not sin?
- 6) How does it help to know that God just wants you to do better, not be perfect?