

Own Up! #4

The Responsibility of Being Chosen

Word

Scripture Reference

1 Peter 2:1-10

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever experienced being eliminated from a game/contest or being passed over for a promotion? How did it feel not to be picked? Share with the group.
2. Read 1 Peter 2:1-10. In life, there are two teams on which you can belong: Team Christ and Team World. People normally want to be chosen by others who they think are “cool.” The honest truth is that many Christians are envious of Team World because Christians have forgotten how it is to be chosen. In the passage, Peter explained that being chosen by God has responsibilities. How does verse 1 characterize those who are with Team Christ? As God’s chosen people, what should you crave for (v. 2)? How strong is your need for God’s Word? How has your personal devotion been helping you in your Christian growth? Share and discuss with the group.
3. The first responsibility of being chosen is to living an “all-in” life for Christ (v. 1-3). As being chosen by God’s grace, you need to be all-out in your relationship with Him. As part of Team Christ, do you do what you should do reluctantly? What does reluctance do to your joy as a Christian? Share how joy is evident in your Christian life.
4. The second responsibility of being chosen is living as someone of worth (v. 4-5). Every believer was chosen by God to build up Team Christ, which is the church—a special community of God. What does royal priesthood mean to you? In the Old Testament it means someone selected from a priestly family to offer sacrifice on behalf of

the people of God. But now, you can personally come to the presence of God through prayer in Jesus’ name. Does Team World have this privilege? How should the fact that you can have access to God lift your self-worth? How do people “sell” themselves cheaply? As a Christian, what actions should you take to avoid selling yourself cheaply?

5. The third responsibility of being chosen is living for God’s approval (v. 6-8). The very foundation of the church is not Peter, but Jesus Christ. You cannot live your life in Christ and do the things that He rejects at the same time. Discuss why you cannot serve two masters. Why should you not be happy when the world applauds you? How can you live a life that is approved by God?
6. The fourth responsibility of being chosen is living with purpose (v. 9-10). God’s royal chosen people rise above all generations regardless of age and race. What did Peter say should be the purpose of the faith of those who belong to Christ? What is your spiritual purpose in life? How does being chosen inspire you spiritually? Share with the group.

Walk

As a believer, you are chosen. You are set apart to belong to the living God, not for Team World. As such, you should live an “all-in” life for Christ, live as someone of worth, live for His approval, and live with a purpose. How do you live a life that is glorifying to God? As His child, do you think God can be proud of you? Remember, you are chosen. God picked you out. What should be your response to this truth?

Worship & Prayer

Father, You’ve chosen me and set me apart for Your purpose, and it came at the price of Christ’s blood. Thank You for that gift that I can never repay, but I want to spend my life trying by living my life all for Christ; by living as someone worthy, someone precious in Your sight; by living for God’s approval instead of man’s; and by living with a purpose. Beginning today, I want to take this responsibility seriously in order to bring glory to Your name. Give me the ability, help me nurture this desire, and grant me the strength to sustain this change. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.