

DISCUSSION GUIDE

NOW THAT YOU'RE SAVED

1 Peter — WEEK 4

ICEBREAKER: What fuels you?

OVERVIEW: When you are an unbeliever, God's desire is that you get saved. But that's not all God has planned for you. Once you get saved, God wants you to live for Him. But there's a lot of disagreement about what that means. And that's why it is beneficial to revisit some of the essential Christian behaviors. In this study we'll go deeper with seven Christian behaviors and talk about what it would look like to apply them to our lives.

1. **Read 1 Peter 1:13-25.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. The first Christian behavior is the **be mentally prepared for action** (v. 13). What kinds of situations do you need to be mentally prepared for as a Christian?
3. The way to prepare your mind for action is to arm yourself with God's word — the Bible. What can you do to keep growing in your knowledge and understanding of the Bible?
4. The second Christian behavior is to **be sober-minded** — to avoid drunkenness and drug use (v. 13). Verses like Ephesians 5:18 command us to avoid drunkenness, and in the sermon Pastor Andy said this prohibition also applies to drug use because both substances have the same result — altering your state of mind so that you are not in full control of your mind and body. Do you agree? Explain.
5. What do you need to do to avoid drunkenness and drug use?

6. The third Christian behavior is to **focus on heaven and not life on earth** (v. 13)? In other words, make sure you are heaven-bound, and devote your life to leading others to heaven, and to storing up heavenly treasures rather than acquiring earthly treasures. Why does God want us to focus on heaven rather than life on earth?
7. How do you need to become more heavenly-focused?
8. The fourth and fifth Christian behaviors are to **be obedient** and to **be holy** (v. 14-16). What can you do to become more passionate about obedience and holiness in your life?
9. The sixth Christian behavior is to **be reverent** — to have deep respect, awe, and fear for God (v. 17). Why does God want you to fear Him? How can you cultivate a proper reverence for the Lord?
10. The seventh Christian behavior is to **love your church family** (v. 22) — to constantly look for ways to sacrificially meet the needs of your fellow church members. How has your church family loved you? How can you grow in loving your church family?

The Last Word: All of us have stained the sofa. But God calls us to holiness — moral blamelessness; to get all of the stains out of our lives; to strive for the perfect character of Christ.