



TALK IT OVER



HOPE PROJECT

WEEK 4

Group leader,

Thank you for your investment into your group! Your faithfulness makes a difference! On the questions below, please choose and shape them in a way that is helpful to a connecting conversation.



ICE BREAKER

How would you describe your driving style?

- Safe & Slow
- Going with the flow
- Speed Racer
- Road Rager



READ

1 Peter 2:9-10

“But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. ‘Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.’”



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Pastor Paul said that in chapter 2, Peter answers the question “How do you drive through life so you don’t die, crash your life, or miss your desired destination?” and answers it in terms of...

 **RED LIGHT:** Stop and remember who you are.

1. Who does Peter say we are in v. 9? What do these titles mean to you? Which do you relate to most? Which are harder for you to believe or accept?
2. (Optional) As a "Royal Priest", how driven are you to "bring God to the people and the people to God?" As a "Holy Nation", how are you leading the way for others, and how are you following the ways of the world?
3. How has God changed your identity (v. 10) since you came to know Christ personally?
4. When and how are you tempted to just live the "Hakuna Matata" life - avoiding problems and pursuing pleasure?

 **GREEN LIGHT:** Go and fulfill the purpose of your life.

1. How would you answer the question: What is the purpose of your life?
2. How are you showing others the goodness of God (v. 9b)? How is God flashing the green light for you to GO and show others His goodness? How are you serving your community lately?
3. If you have not yet received God's forgiveness for your sin and free gift of eternal life, what do you need, or what are you waiting for, in order to do that?

 **READ**

1 Peter 2:11-12

"Dear friends, I warn you as 'temporary residents and foreigners' to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world."

 **YELLOW LIGHT:** Be cautious with your witness.

1. Pastor Paul said, "People are watching us more than we know, and they will make decisions about faith and following Christ based on what they see in us." How did someone else's actions play a part in your journey toward faith in Jesus?

2. How can our decisions, choices, and actions affect the faith of others?
3. In what area of your life is God asking you to STOP, GO, or BE CAREFUL today? Is anyone here ready to move forward and say YES to Jesus by a) inviting him into your life, or b) getting baptized? *(If anyone is ready to be baptized on July 18th at Seacliff Beach, please take them to echo.church/baptism to sign up or get more info!)*
4. (Optional) Ask your group members to work on a purpose statement for their lives this week to share with each other next week.



PRAYER

Share prayer requests and pray...

Father thank you for your word that defines us and guides us through life. Thank you for choosing us to be yours and for calling us to be part of your plan for all people. Help each of us to learn from you what our purpose is and how we can show your goodness to those around us. Show us what to stop, where to go, and when to be careful so that people are drawn to you as a result of our actions. We say YES to you today Jesus because you have given all of yourself to us, and we want to do the same for you. In Jesus' name, Amen.