

Please Mind the Gap

Sermon 3 (30/5/2021) | Peter 2:11 – 4:11

Title: Please offer your seat to anyone in need.

Theme: Living our new identity (2:12-17; 4:11)

The way we live in difficult circumstances can bring glory to God.

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1 Peter 2:9 ***But you are a _____ people, a _____ priesthood, a _____ nation, God's _____ possession, that you may _____ the praises of him who _____ you out of _____ into his _____ light.***

1. The key to looking at this passage.
 - a. (2:11-12)
 - b. (4:11b)

2. L_____ out our new identity. (2:13-3:22)
 - a. Examples of situations to live out your new identity
 - i. Government authority (2:13-17)
 - ii. Masters/employers (2:18-25)
 - iii. Marriage (3:1-7)
 - iv. Relationships with other believers (3: 8-12)
 - v. General relationships in the community (3:13-22)

 - b. These illustrations are in line with the u_____ nature of God's kingdom.

 - c. Are we going to live in God's k_____ or this world?

3. How does our new identity change us? (4:1-11)
 - a. A_____ (4:1)
 - b. A_____ (4:2-6)
 - c. Focused on our f_____ not our past (4:7)
 - d. P_____ (4:7)
 - e. Loving each other deeply (4:8)
 - f. Being h_____ (4:9)
 - g. Using our s_____ gifts (4:10-11)
 - h. ***So that in all things God may be praised*** (4:11b)

4. MTR message for today: **Please offer your seat to anyone in need.**

Questions for Thought and Discussion

1. Peter discusses some areas for Christians to live out their identity as a Christ-follower. Which of these have helped you to become more mature as a believer? What are some of the challenges you have faced?
 - a. (2:13-17) Government, authorities over you
 - b. (2:18-25) Slaves/masters; employer/employee
 - c. (3:1-7) Marriage relationships
 - d. (3:8-12) relationships within the church

2. Why is submission so important for the Christ-follower? Why is it difficult to do?

3. In 1 Peter 4:1-11, we find some characteristics that should become aligned with Christ as we mature as a believer. What is happening in your life in these areas? Is there an area that you need to take some growth steps? Pray about these with your group or a mature Christian friend. Contact Pastor Stan if you are interested in growing through some self-study material or if you have a prayer request (stan@aic.org.hk).
 - a. Attitude (4:1)
 - b. Actions (4:3-6)
 - c. Focused on our future not our past (4:7)
 - d. Prayerful (4:7)
 - e. Loving each other deeply (4:8)
 - f. Being hospitable (4:9)
 - g. Using our spiritual gifts (4:10-11)

4. Write the key verse here. Say the key verse to a friend.

5. Next week we will finish 1 Peter. Please read 4:12-5:14.