

**Ruin To Renovation - Sermon #7 - How We Know...
Study Questions for Groups & Individuals**

ICE BREAKER:

If you could win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics, what would it be in, and why?

OPENING PRAYER:

In *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, a Genesis Device is introduced. Genesis is life from lifelessness. This device, when shot at a dead star, generated life from A to Z, making it an inhabitable planet. If Christ brings life to our spiritually dead beings, he is like the spiritual Genesis Device for us.

- Take a minute - meditate & pray over that image of Christ regenerating life in us, creating holiness all throughout every aspect of our human nature. Pray out loud what the Holy Spirit brings to mind.
- Pray also for the upcoming Concert of Prayer, as well as the Women's & Men's Retreats for Six:Eight.
- Pray also for the upcoming Syrian Children's & Women's Retreats which Six:Eight hopes to support & to which we hope to possibly send workers.

DISCUSSION:

Viewing your spiritual life as a house, imagine what it would look like... Take 5 minutes to personally reflect with the Lord on the following questions taking the time to jot down some thoughts...

1. From the extreme hoarder to the most pristine clean orderly home - where would your spiritual house fall on that spectrum?
2. Is it dark or light inside?
3. Where do you spend most of your time?
4. What are the the dirtiest rooms?
5. What are the items which litter your house?
6. Which areas have been most neglected, and the most tended?
7. What kind of spiritual food is in your refrigerator? Is it healthy or fattening?
8. Where does Jesus sit in your house waiting for you?

Share some of your thoughts with your group, whatever you are comfortable with.

NOTES/THOUGHTS:

READ: 1 Peter 1:13-23 below out loud together as a group...

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Now read it again to yourself slowly, highlighting words & phrases which mean something to you. Share your thoughts, and explore the questions below...

1. What does it mean to '*Be holy, because I am holy*'?
2. What does it look like to '*live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear*'?
3. What effect does Christ have on this process can you see in vv19-21?
4. Looking at vv22-23, how is this passage related to Luke 10:25-28 we studied last week?
5. And how are we empowered to live this out?