

Small Group Study Guide

"The HIMpossible" Mission of the Church |
Joyfully Spirit-Filled Series |
From Sunday November 17, 2019

1 Peter 2:4-12

Appetizer:

Question: The mission of the church is impossible without the indwelling Holy Spirit. *Brag a little tonight!* What extra-ordinary feats have you accomplished? (e.g. Run a marathon? Raise children? Build a house? Do the Grouse Grind? Survive a bear encounter?) Something that others might deem "impossible"?

Question: Try to imagine: Knowing their Jewish background and knowing the suffering they were going through, how would these readers feel as they initially read these verses?

Main Course:

Question: The church family is given some remarkable titles in these verses. Which one do you want to highlight in our discussion? Why?

Question: How have you heard the word "sacrifice" used in daily conversation? How is that different than the intended use in verse 5?

Question: The passage talks about Jesus as either a foundation stone or a stumbling stone? In your spiritual journey, which has He been to you?

Question: How comfortable do you feel talking about Jesus to other people? The speaker on Sunday talked about "declaring His praises" in ninety seconds or less? Do you think that is possible for you to achieve? (See verses 9-10)

Question: The Speaker talked about "*showing* the Gospel and *sharing* the Gospel"; or "words and deeds" of witness? Which do you find easier? Give some examples from your life...

Dessert:

Reflection: What practical ways can you offer a spiritual sacrifice this week? Let the group know later how that went. What opportunities await you to "declare His grace"?

Quietly in your own soul: Are there things in your life from which you need to "abstain"? (see verse 11-12)