

Sermon Questions

1 Peter 1:1

“Introducing Peter”

1. What stood out to you from this week’s sermon?
2. Pastor Jim shared with us that God is in the business of transforming people, to the extent that you cannot even recognize them any more. We see this in the apostle Peter. Discuss a time where you or someone you know was transformed in the same way that Peter was, to the point that they were unrecognizable to their former selves.
3. Read Matthew 16:13-19. The change in Peter’s life began with his belief and proclamation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God! Jesus gave him a new name to reflect the change in his life and who he would become. What are some other Bible characters who were given new names by God that foreshadowed God’s plan for them?
4. Read together from 1 Peter 2:4-5. Pastor Jim expressed to us that through suffering we can be transformed into living stones. How does God use the times of suffering, the storms of life, to shape us into the person that God wants us to be?
5. Peter did not begin a 5-step program to be transformed from being a stumbling block to being a rock – he simply let God do His thing. Our job, like Peter, is to submit to what God is doing and obey. Why is this counter-intuitive to our culture that seeks control and has the “do-it-yourself” motto?
6. As a group, take time to pray together that God will remind you that His grace is sufficient and that He is changing you from who you were into something new. Ask God that He will give you the ability and faithfulness to submit and obey and let Him do His thing. Thank God that He has promised to change you and transform you. To close your prayer time, pray the benediction for our new sermon series from 1 Peter 5:10-11.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10-11