Reflection and Discussion Questions
1 Peter 2:4 – 12

1. Look up the definition for Precious and Offense.

   •Explain why Jesus is precious to you.

   •Why does the world take offense at the name of Jesus?

2. Read Ephesians 2:4-5: Describe the changes that take place in a life that is made alive in Christ.

3. What are some daily practices that keep us coming to Christ?

   •How do these practices help guard us against the world's influence?

4. Read Isaiah 28:16 in several translations. What does this passage mean to you personally?

5. What are spiritual sacrifices? What makes them acceptable to God?

6. Write out a few verses you consider to be foundational to your beliefs.

7. We hear and read many things that sound good until we examine them closer by the word of God. Can you think of some examples of this?

8. Read Matthew 24:35 & Isaiah 40:8: What do these verses tell you about the reliability of God's word?

   •List some things the world places its confidence in.

   •How do they compare to God's word?

9. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12: What is revealed about Peter's heart toward those who are speaking evil against his fellow sojourners?

10. What did Jim Elliott mean when he said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."?

Questions for Deeper Study

These questions are designed to help you study God's Word. They are **optional**, but everyone is encouraged to use them to deepen their love for the Lord and His Word.

- Begin with prayer
- Read the passage several times
- Pick one question (more if you like) to answer and see how the Lord blesses your time of study

1. Briefly list the important facts stated in the passage.

   - What is one of the main themes of this passage?

2. Define any unclear or unknown words.

3. Context is important! Read several verses before and after the passage. How do these verses add to your understanding of the passage?

4. What would this passage have meant to its original audience back in biblical times?

5. What does this passage teach about God?

6. How does this passage apply to you?

   - Is there a command to obey?

   - A promise for your present circumstances?

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15