Rescued and Reclaimed

2 Peter 2:1-10a

Message Reflection Guide

The New Age movement has twisted the concept of faith by saying that we make something true by believing it. No, we can't create reality with our minds; only God can do that. We can only *face* reality with our minds. Faith is choosing to believe and act upon what God says, regardless of feelings or circumstances. Believing something, however, does not make it true. *It's true; therefore, we choose to believe it.* – Neil T. Anderson, *The Bondage Breaker*

CONVERSATION STARTER

How have you seen truth under attack in your world lately?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Brandon said, "**The gospel rescues us from this world and reclaims our lives for His glory.**" How have you been rescued from this world? What has been reclaimed by Jesus in your life?

The lie of freedom. People have a natural desire to be free from authority. Read 2 Peter 2:4. How was it possible for Angels to fall into the trap of spiritual freedom? How do you find yourself believing the lie of freedom?

The warning of abandonment. People have a desire to abandon God's truth. Read 2 Peter 2:5. What set Noah's family apart from the rest of the ancient, pre-flood world? In what ways do Christians abandon God's truths?

The lie of the source of fulfillment. People tend to replace the True source of joy with their own desires. Read 2 Peter 2:6-8 and Ezekiel 16:49. Why does God not approve of pride, excess food and prosperous ease. What would your life look like without these things?

The Truth of the Gospel. Jesus wants to rescue you and reclaim all aspects of your life!
Read 2 Peter 2:9. How do you think Peter felt after denying Jesus three times? What aspects of your life has Jesus reclaimed?

MAKING IT REAL

In what ways are you believing the lies of the world? In what areas of your life do you need to allow Jesus to come rescue and reclaim? I want to encourage you to have the audacity that Peter shows by running (more accurately, swimming) to Jesus! (see John 21)