

# NS LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church

Strangers (week 2) - Sanctification

1 Peter 2:1-3:9

March 31, 2019

**Main Idea:** What does a true Christ follower look like?

**Icebreaker:** What do you tend to look for in people to decide if you think they are a Christ follower or not? What is it about yourself that you think others would point to as evidence that you are a follower of Jesus?

## **Study:**

God chose you to be set apart for his purposes and for his glory. So what does a true Christ follower look like? Read the following points from the sermon along with the corresponding scripture passages and discuss the following questions.

### **Six characteristics of a Christ follower:**

#### 1. **Matures in the faith (2:2-5)**

- Would you honestly say that you “crave” or “long for” God’s Word? Why or why not?
- What does your rhythm of spending time in God’s Word look like? When do you do it, and what do you do?
- If you don’t have a strong desire for God’s Word, how can you grow in that desire? *(Pray that God would give you the desire! And go ahead and read it daily anyway!)*

#### 2. **Declares God’s praises (2:9)**

- What are different ways we declare God’s praises? *(Singing songs to and about him; Sharing your God story of how Jesus changed your life.)*
- Who in your life do you need to declare God’s praises to in some way? What’s one way you can do this?

#### 3. **Separated from sin (2:11-12)**

- What are strategies we can intentionally put in place to help us “abstain from sinful desires”? *(Give an accountability partner permission to ask you any question about your life, protective software to block pornography, not watching certain movies and TV shows that tempt you, etc.)*

#### 4. **Submit to authority (2:13-19)**

- Do you struggle with willingly placing yourself under the authority of your boss or governing officials? Why or why not? What about when you don’t feel like they “deserve” your respect? *(Remember that the emperor at this time that Peter was saying to submit to was torturing Christians!)*
- Why is submitting to God-given authorities an important part of being good, compelling witnesses as Christ-followers to the non-Christians in our lives?

#### 5. **Thriving in marriage (3:1-7)**

- Why is thriving in a healthy marriage the result of growing as a Christ-follower?
- What is the relationship between the husband and wife supposed to look like in a Christ-centered marriage?

#### 6. **Exemplary in relationships (3:8-9)**

- Is it easier for you to repay an insult with an insult or with a blessing? Why do you think that is?
- Why should being exemplary in our relationships be the result in the life of a growing Christ follower?

**Application:**

1. Out of these 6 characteristics of a growing Christ follower, which one do you intentionally need to grow in?
2. What is an action step you will take this week?
3. How can your group help you with this?

**Pray:** Pray for the various requests that your group members share. Pray for God's help as we live out our faith in these six areas of our lives.