

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Peter 1:13—2:3.

General

What does Peter call upon Christians to do?

What are Christians not to do?

What is the basis for holiness in the life of the Christian?

Personal

When I read this passage, I am confronted with my lack of—

As a result of these truths, I must be more careful to—

I am reminded that the cause of my moral weakness is—

2. Read Ephesians 1:3-14.

General

What is God's purpose for our lives?

What has God done for us?

What promises are ours?

Personal

When I read this passage, I realize—

When I read this passage, I desire to—

This relates to my moral life in that—

3. Read Romans 12:1-21.

General

What are we urged to do?

What are we urged not to do?

What are we to watch out for?

What kinds of people are we to be concerned about?

What disciplines must be built into our lives if we are to live as Paul outlined?

Personal

Of the things listed by Paul, I am weakest in—

I seem to be growing in—

I would really like to be more consistent in—

General

- What kinds of submission does God expect of us?
- What is our duty toward our government?
- What kinds of conduct does Paul urge?
- Why should we be diligent about these things?
- What are we not to do?

Personal

- The verse that speaks to me is—
- Right now I need to start—
- If I were serious about putting on Christ, I would—

5. Read Leviticus 19:1-6, 9-18, 32-37.

General

- What is the basis and standard for holiness?
- What were the people of Israel commanded to do?
- What were they commanded not to do?
- What values are represented in these commandments?

Personal

- I am most impressed that God is concerned about—
- This past week I had the most trouble with—
- I really wish that our group would take this verse to heart—

6. Read Colossians 3:1—4:6.

General

- What is the focus of our minds to be?
- What are we not to do?
- What are we to do?
- How does this passage relate to work and school habits?

Personal

- If my mind was set on heaven, I would not—
- To bring the peace of Christ to my life, I need to—
- I earnestly desire a renewed mind in—

7. You are the librarian of a small public library. You have the responsibility of buying the new children's books that will be added to the shelves. What would you do?

- a. Order books that have been highly praised by educators.
- b. Order books that will reflect your Christian values.
- c. Order some books that reflect moral views with which you disagree, on the grounds that there are many in your community who do not share your values.
- d. Have a special stack for those books with which you disagree and require parental consent for them to be checked out.
- e. Quit and let someone else worry about it.

8. You are a Christian girl who has been asked to go out with a popular fellow who has a questionable reputation. He's fun to be around and makes you feel important, but he does not share your Christian values. There seems to be no Christian guys who are interested in you at the moment. What would you do?

- a. Go out with him and see what develops, knowing you can keep things under control as far as sex is concerned.
- b. Go out with him with the intent of sharing your faith and bringing him to know Christ.
- c. Decline, but ask him to come with your youth group on a picnic.
- d. Date him with the assumption that it won't become serious.
- e. Decline and wait for the real Prince Charming to come along.

9. You are a Christian guy and you hear one of your teammates bragging about his sexual exploits with a girl you know to be a Christian. What would you do?

- a. Chalk it off as nothing more than hot air.
- b. Tell the girl what is being said about her.
- c. Tell the guy that you feel sorry for him that he's so insecure about his manhood that he has to brag about his conquests.
- d. Tell the guy that premarital sex is a sin and that the wages of sin is death.
- e. Tell your Christian friends what you have heard and ask them to pray with you for the girl.