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STUDY GUIDE

# Resurrection and Work

1 Peter 2.9-25

## WELCOME & SHARING

Share the following announcements...

### • Plans for winding down

You may want to begin talking about your plan for finishing up and finishing well. This might mean planning an end of the year party in June or talking about which dates will be your last. Take a few minutes to remember and celebrate memories from the year and the way God has worked in and through your group.

### • Summer Studies

The book of Hebrews tells us we ought not stop meeting together (as some are in the habit of doing) but all the more as we see the day approaching we ought to be MEETING together and encouraging one another, spurring each other toward love and good deeds. Community groups are winding down but there are a NUMBER of Summer Studies firing up in the next couple weeks. There's a master list and description on the website (and the City), but here is a brief rundown:

- ▶ **Books & Crannies:** read and discuss a new book each month.
- ▶ **Financial Peace University:** Mondays @ 7p starting June 9th
- ▶ **Medical Fellowship:** first one Saturday, June 10th
- ▶ **Men's Bible Study - Nehemiah:** 7 Wednesday mornings 630-7:30a @ the Coffee Emporium starting June 21st
- ▶ **Planets in Peril - C.S. Lewis' *Space Trilogy*:** Mondays 7-8:30p 6/19, 7/10, 8/14
- ▶ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Ruth & Esther:** Thursday nights, 7p
- ▶ **WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY | The Book of Acts:** Friday mornings 6-7a for 12 weeks starting June 2nd
- ▶ **WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY | ...God is Enough:** Wednesday evenings (May 31st-August 16th; July 4th week off)
- ▶ **VESPERS WORSHIP** 7p Thursday, June 29th & Wednesday, July 26th . Evening worship gatherings focused on Scripture and prayer.
- ▶ **YOUR WORK & GOD'S MISSION IN THE WORLD:** Every other Wed. evening 7p

## STUDY/DISCUSSION

**Opener Question:** When you are frustrated or tired or daydreaming about doing something else, what is your “I want to quit my ‘day job’ dream-job”?

Though Christmas gets more acclaim in our culture, Easter is *the principal* Christian holiday. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything. Over the next few months we’re going to be talking about the implications of the resurrection for our lives.

1. **Read 1 Peter 2.9-12.** What stood out to you from this passage as we read through?
2. What do think these words/expressions that Peter uses mean for us as follow Christ and try to serve him in our work: chosen, royal, holy, possession of God, out of darkness, into light, God’s people, receivers of mercy, sojourner, exile?
3. **Read 1 Peter 2.13-17.** To whom should we submit? Why?
4. What is the purpose of the government when it works as it should? (see v.14)
5. What should be the result of living a godly life? (v.15-16)
6. **Read 1 Peter 2:18-20.** What should be the basic attitude of servants to their masters? How does this apply to your workplace?
7. In what ways is Christ an example to us?
8. Why do you think Peter preaches the message of the Cross (v.21-25) when teaching Christians about living out their faith in the world?
9. What can you apply to your life this week in order to better live on mission for God? How does this passage help us approach our work with more energy and significance?

**NEIGHBORING EXPERIMENT:** Do something kind for your “neighbor” at work (i.e. pick them up a coffee in the morning, snack while you’re up, offer to help out, etc.). If you work in the home as a homemaker, help out someone else you know doing the same or do something kind for a neighbor.

## PRAYER

*Take some time and pray together:* You can pray as a large group, break into smaller groups, split up into men and women, etc. If you share prayer requests, post them to the City so that your group can continue to be praying for each other.