

1. In the sermon Derrick shared this quote.

"The fundamental societal institutions (e.g. family, school, church) that took their meaning and place from a basic Christian worldview shaped by Protestantism are going through a rewriting of their status, which undermines their traditional outlook. Christians need to learn (or re-learn) how to be creative and faithful minorities. The transition may be painful and difficult, but nostalgic attitudes toward a status quo somewhat marked by Christianity will not serve the cause of the gospel."

-Leonardo De Chirico, Post-Christianity is an Opportunity for Real Christianity

What are your thoughts on America as a Christian vs. Post-Christian country? Does that impact your relationships?

2. What are ways that we as Christians echo the culture as opposed to offering it an alternative? Do you think that our culture is more trusting or skeptical of the church today?

3. How do the words of 1 Peter 3:8-12 help us to engage with each other and the world around us?

4. Based on the Scripture, what do you think that it means to live as blessings?

5. In the passage, Peter quotes from Psalm 34:12-16. Why should this give us confidence in the reliability of Scripture and add to its historical veracity?

6. The sermon ended with a challenge to:

- **Look Inside:** asking, where do you need to open the doors of darkness in your heart to God today?
- **Look Around:** asking, where do you need to make things right (Bless) with someone else by his power?
- **Live a Blessing:** after identifying these things, go to those people and places, seeking peace and pursuing it in community.

Pray together as a group asking the Lord to help you identify where you need to embody, ask forgiveness, and seek peace as instructed in 1 Peter.