**The Truth about Being Saved by God Study Guide and Small Group Discussion Questions**

The salvation that the believers possessed was not gained through payment of ordinary material things like gold and silver, rather it was paid through the blood of Jesus Christ. This truth had to be reinforced by the apostle Peter to his audience to answer possible questions about God’s love, compassion, and care in light of the believers' suffering and persecution. By pointing out Jesus' tremendous love for them, Peter emboldened them to continue to live lives in accordance to who God is, emphasizing His holiness.

*18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

How do you feel knowing that you were intentionally redeemed? And that it was done through the blood of Jesus and not with material things?

How are you showing your gratitude and appreciation for your being saved by God?

*14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.*

What does not conforming to our evil desires look like?

Peter defines the actions and desires of non-believers as being done in ignorance. How should this affect our engagement with non-believers especially in relation to their actions toward us?

*17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.*

Why does God use the word fear to describe how we are to revere Him?

What does reverent fear mean to you personally? Can you say that you are living this way?

*2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

What are some benefits of craving for more spiritual milk (growing in our faith) for you?

Why do you think there are some Christians who refuse to grow in their faith?

How can you help someone understand that God calls us to continuously be transformed rather than being content with just being “attendees” in church?