



Dawn is Coming Small Group Questions 2/23/2020

Getting Started

Words change meaning throughout generations. See how many of the following words you can identify the meaning for. If you can't answer them look them up here:

<https://people.howstuffworks.com/53-slang-terms-by-decade1.htm>

1920's

Hotsy totsy

Moll

1930's

Girl Friday

Skivvies

1940's

Cool

Smooch

1950's

Boo boo

High fi

1960's
The man
Daddy-o

1970's
Boogie
Dig it

1980's
Yuppie
Bodacious

1990's
Phat
Wassup

2000's
Barney Bag
Rents

2010's
Bet
Bae

Going Deeper

In the second half of 1 Peter 1, Peter uses three words that we commonly misunderstand. Take talk a moment to read [1 Peter 1:13-25](#) and talk about any word or phrase that jumps out at you. It could be something that hits you where you are at in your life or a concept you are learning to understand about God.

[1 Peter 1:13,14](#) talks about being **Sober**. We generally think of that word as the opposite of drunk or high but it means so much more. Being sober means being marked by thoughtful character or demeanor: unhurried, calm. What sober means is that you're thinking is not under the influence of anything harmful. What kind of harmful thoughts distract you from being who you want to be? Some ideas include body shame, screen time, social media, feelings of insecurity, etc.

What are some ways of thinking that we conform to because of culture, but really are keeping us from being who we want to be and who God made us?

[1 Peter 1:15,16](#) challenges us to be **Holy**.

What are common activities that we consider holy?

Holy means set apart. It means you don't conform. You don't just do things because everyone else is or because that's what everyone watches or wears or clicks on. To be holy means you're okay with being different. What are some ways that being different as a Christian can be hard at work or school or in your home life?

[1 Peter 1:17](#) challenges us to live in **Fear**. Think for a moment of all the things you are afraid of?

We are afraid of what people think of us

We are afraid that people might be talking behind our back's

We are afraid that our body isn't good enough

We get a fear of missing out when we see everyone having fun on Instagram

We are afraid we will not make enough money

We are afraid we will never be able to retire

We are afraid we will not get into the college we want

We are afraid of being alone

We are afraid of getting sick

God wants to simplify our lives. He tells us you don't have to be afraid of what everybody thinks of you. You don't have to fear for your future. You don't even have to fear death and dying. All you have to do is fear me. Honor me. Put me first.

Take a moment to talk about what you fear and how only fearing God can simplify your life.

[1 Peter 1:18-20](#) gives us one last thought. God, our father loves us and would do anything to free us from our fears. Take a moment to confess your fears together and ask God to help you fear only Him.