

Filtered Discussion Guide Foreword:

Greetings brothers and sisters. This is just a quick take on the follow discussion guide. It is very important to understand that this is just an outline, a tool if you will, to prompt deep conversations about our wonderful LORD, Jesus Christ. That being said, use this document as such. Let the conversations be organic and genuine. Use this to keep on track, but if the discussion goes a little deeper than this outline, by all means, have the conversation. I am a firm believer that conversations in small groups are where believers learn and grow the most because this has been proven, by Jesus and his disciples, to be a very effective teaching method.

Enjoy!

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1) What statements/points stood out to you?

a) Examples:

- i) The HG is a built in filter, that protects us from impurities on this earth
- ii) In order to put something in our lives, we have to take something out
(filters replace sin/shortcomings)

2) 1 John 3:3 - And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

a) What purifies us?

- i) The HOPE, which is, the hope of salvation through the Holy Ghost in that we will be like Jesus when he appears again.

b) Why is it important to live a pure life?

- i) We cannot be like Jesus without being pure
- ii) 1 John 3:3 says that Jesus is pure, so we need to be pure

3) Pastor mentioned in his sermon that people who have only had access to dirty water, celebrate over being able to obtain clean water. How does this translate to the spiritual?

a) As sinners, we have been partakers of the “dirty water”, that is immorality and sin. When we are exposed to the gospel and follow the steps to salvation (Acts 2:38), we obtain “clean water”, that is the Holy Ghost. It is worth a celebration!

b) Read these scripture together:

- i) Psalms 34:8 - O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

- ii) John 4:13-14 **13** Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: **14** But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
- iii) John 7:37-39 **37** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. **38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. **39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

4) According to Pastor's childhood story, why do we teeter the line of godliness vs. ungodliness?

- a) Lack of maturity and proper filters
- b) When we apply the Holy Ghost and other biblical filters, we are able to live a godly lifestyle, however, we will NEVER be perfect.

5) What has God called us to in 2 Peter 1:3?

- a) Glory and Virtue

6) What allows us to experience God's divine nature?

- a) The exceeding great and precious promises that He has given us

7) How do His promises allow us to experience His nature?

- a) If we trust in Him, His promises reveal how powerful and mighty He truly is, as well as pieces of his personality.

- b) Also, when we follow Jesus, we escape the corruption that is in the world.
- 8) 2 Peter 1:5-7 talk about the filters we need to put into our life. What are they? (Teacher side note: be sure to talk about what all of these really mean, see parentheses, as well as, how we apply them)
- a) Faith
 - b) Virtue (modest living)
 - c) Knowledge
 - d) Temperance (self control)
 - e) Patience
 - f) Godliness
 - g) Brotherly Kindness
 - h) Charity (Love)
- 9) Do these filters need to be applied in order? If so, why?
- a) A new believer cannot be expected to live a godly lifestyle if: he/she doesn't believe (faith), if they do not understand modesty (virtue), if they do not know who God is, etc.
 - b) They definitely have to be in order.
- 10) In order to put a filter in place, what must we do?
- a) Replace it with something.
 - b) Replace: doubt with **faith**, immorality with **virtue**, ignorance with **knowledge**, lust with **temperance**, impatience with **patience**, ungodliness with **godliness**, selfishness with **brotherly kindness**, and hate with **love**