

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Feb 28 – Mar 1, 2026

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### **A Ransomed Life**

**(I Peter 1:17-21)**

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud I Peter 1:17-21

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Where, other than Christ, are you tempted to find your identity?

What outcomes has this produced?

When, if ever, has this created a life of burden?

Within this passage, Pastor Alan sees Peter highlight three aspects of freedom we are invited to experience as redeemed followers of Christ.

First aspect of freedom - We are freed to live in reverent awe. (I Peter 1:17)

Pastor Alan contrasted two views of freedom:

First view – One’s ability to live however they choose to.

Second view – One’s ability to make wise choices in how they live.

How could living out this first view result in more bondage?

How could living out this second view offer more freedom?

Pastor Alan shared that living in “fear” of God is not being terrified of Him but is instead “surrendering to His Lordship.”

What is the difference between these two perspectives?

Second aspect of freedom - We are freed from an empty, inherited way of life. (I Peter 1:18-19)

What experiences of your past (events, words, family norms) have at times placed you in a form of bondage?

If you are comfortable sharing, what potential “stains of shame” have you carried with you through your life?

Where have you allowed Christ to wash away those stains?

What does it look like for you to allow Christ to address these stains?

If you are still struggling with shame, what could it look like for you to allow Christ’s blood to wash away that stain of shame?

Third aspect of freedom – We are freed to anchor our life in a living and loving God. (I Peter 1:20-21)

In what ways, if any, does the culture around you erode your faith?

When your faith is shaken, how do you or how could you reset your true identity?

If you heard about skater Alysia Liu’s story while watching the Olympics or if you heard it for the first time in this sermon, in what ways, if any, did it speak to you?

Where might external pressures be causing you to lose a bit of your true self?

What would your life look like tomorrow if you were no longer “skating for a medal” (whatever the medals in your own life are)?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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