

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Mar 7-8, 2026

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

Born Again to Love

(I Peter 1:22-2:3)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud I Peter 1:22-2:3.

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?

Within this text, Peter talks about a key indicator of spiritual growth – the ability to love others well!
(I Peter 1:22)

How easy or difficult is it for you to love others?

Pastor Alan sees Peter highlight three principles regarding the ability to love others well.

First principle – You already have the capacity to love well.

If you ever question your capacity to love others well, share a bit about this with your group.

What encouragement, if any, do you draw from the fact that you have been reborn with imperishable seed? (vs. 23)

What does this new reality mean for your potential to love?

In what ways have you seen your ability to love well grow because of Jesus' presence in your life?

Second principle – You have to intentionally and continually uproot the enemies of love. (I Peter 2:1)

Peter lists the following “weeds” that hinder our ability to love well: Malice – The desire to hurt or diminish someone, Deceit – Trying to influence what others think of us, Hypocrisy – pretending/exaggerating, Envy – comparison/jealousy/resentment, Slander – Tearing down another person verbally.

When you act out of any of the above, what is at the root of your “reactivity?” (it’s okay to be vulnerable – we all are challenged by these weeds at some time or another)

How often do you investigate the “why” behind your emotional responses?

How good are you at creating a space of pause before you react?

If you long to grow in addressing any of the above “weeds,” what steps could you take?

Third principle – Look to Jesus to meet your ultimate need in that moment. (I Peter 2:2:3)

When has attempting to address your needs with something other than Jesus backfired?

What core needs do you have at this current moment in time?

How are you currently attempting to meet these needs?

What could it look like to bring these needs to Jesus?

What false needs do you often or at times believe that could be interfering with your ability to love others well?

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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