

“A Meaningful Life”: Pastor Edward Monteilh

Introduction: Viktor Frankl, German Concentration Camp Survivor/Psychotherapist – Task, Love, Suffering & Divinity

Key Bible Texts: 1 Peter 2:9-12, and 1 Peter 4:7-11

A. We must have a “Divine Perspective”

1. ...regarding ourselves
2. ...regarding our present task
3. ...regarding our future

B. We must exhibit “Divine Passion”

1. In Loving God (John 15:9-10)
2. In Loving “Pagans” (1 Peter 2:12; John 3:16-17)
3. Loving Our “Brothers & Sisters” (1 Peter 4:8-10)

C. Requires “Divine Power”

1. For Focus and Prayer (1 Peter 4:7)
2. For Gift Based Service (1 Peter 4:10)
3. For Strength (1 Peter 4:11)

D. Originates from our relationship with the Divine Person of Jesus

Christ

1. “In His mercy, He (God) has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Pet. 1:3)
2. Mercy made available (1 Peter 2:10)

Table Talk Questions – For discussion in Life Groups or other settings.

Idea: *Read the scripture reference prior to reading the Table Talk Question.*

1. How often do you consider yourself as 1 Peter 2:9 describes? What do you feel as you consider this description for yourself? What, if any, challenges or changes come to mind regarding this perspective of God?
2. Name one difficulty in exhibiting “Divine Passion” for each of the sub-points for Letter B in the outline. In your opinion, does John 15:9-10 make it more or less difficult to “love God”? Why?
3. What “gifts” do you possess to serve others? Give an example of how your gifts have been utilized in the past week, past two weeks, past month, or past year. Spiritual Gifts Assessments are available from Charisma. Let your LG Leader know you’d like one.)
4. What is one thing you sensed, felt or “heard” the Lord emphasize to you regarding the sermon or outline? In what practical way could you respond?