

1 PETER



PETER 1:7

THESE HAVE COME SO THAT THE PROVEN GENUINENESS
OF YOUR FAITH OF GREATER WORTH THAN GOLD
WHICH PERISHES EVEN THOUGH REFINED BY FIRE MAY
RESULT IN PRAISE GLORY AND HONOR WHEN JESUS
CHRIST IS REVEALED

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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A New Lifestyle

We are in the fifth message in our 1 Peter series, the overall theme of how the Gospel of Jesus changes your life. It starts with a new identity (new birth) that places you in a new community (the church, a spiritual house). However, it doesn't stop there. These realities are designed to prepare you for a new relationship with the world. 1 Peter 2:11-25 focuses on how we are called to live out our faith in the world. The apostle Peter is attempting here to restructure our worldview.

Read 1 Peter 2:11-25.

- How does your faith show up in your everyday life?
- In what sense are all Christians foreigners or exiles as stated here (1 Peter 2:11) (see John 17:15-16; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31)
- How do you imagine the non-believers around you perceive you (1 Peter 12:2)? (see James 3:13)
- How is the concept of freedom stated here different from how personal freedom is generally defined by our culture (1 Peter 2:16)? (see 1 Corinthians 9:19)
- What is the motivation for bearing unjust suffering in our lives as followers of Jesus (1 Peter 2:19)? (see Philippians 4:13)
- What is the underlying principle or reason for the broad submission encouraged in this passage (1 Peter 2:15)? (see Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)
- In what specific ways can we follow Jesus in responding to suffering in our lives today? (1 Peter 2:21-23)

Praying together

Holy Spirit, strengthen me so I might live out my faith more fully to those around me who do not yet know Jesus as Lord.