

## **Small Group Study Guide, Week of September 21, 2025**

1 Peter 2:11-20; "Kingdom Citizenship," Pastor Tim Cho

**Ice Breaker:** When you were growing up, what authority figure was hard for you to respect? Why?

### **Dig:**

1. What instructions does Peter give for worthy Christian living? What motivations does he give for following his instructions? How does their relationship with God influence their regard for human authority? In what ways are a right attitude and corresponding right action important for a) our own spiritual wellbeing, and b) for effective witness for God in the world?
2. With the recipients of Peter's letter undergoing government persecution, why is submission to authority a concern for Peter? What does Peter mean by "submit" in this context?
3. In verses 18-20, some critics have complained that Peter is a proponent of slavery. How would you respond to that?

### **Apply:**

4. What "authorities" are over you? How do you apply verses 16-17 in those relationships?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)