

Sermon Discussion Questions: 1 Peter 2:11-12

April 7, 2019

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. In 1 Peter 2:11, Peter urges the church to live a certain way by first calling them beloved ones, or those loved by God. Throughout the Scripture, God always grounds our obedience in our true identity as His people and His loving pursuit of us. We are always the loved ones learning to love God and neighbor. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 1 John 3:16, and 1 John 4:10-11. How do these verses emphasize God's love for us and how does that motivate us to love other people?
3. In 1 Peter 2:11, Peter calls us to live as sojourners and exiles. This means our life is meant to reflect a different kingdom, different values, and different practices. What are some areas of life where you find it difficult to follow God's kingdom rather than the worldly values and lifestyles of friends, coworkers, or classmates? Where do you feel the pressure to "fit in" with these people rather than pursue a different lifestyle?
4. In 1 Peter 2:11, Peter urges us to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against our soul. How does seeing our struggle as a battle of passions help clarify our battle plan against sin? According to James 1:13-15 how are we tempted toward sin and therefore how do we avoid temptation?
5. Non-Christians will naturally look at our different lifestyle/life goals and speak against us, mocking our lifestyle. How does pursuing honorable lives in proximity and closeness to non-Christians cause them to move from speaking against us to speaking praise and glory to God? What non-Christians can you spend time with in order to live this honorable life among them?