

Sermon: We Are Exiled Priests Doing Good
Series: 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-17
Date: October 4, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Back in 2:3 Peter told us that we have tasted the goodness of God. Why must we experience God's goodness in Christ (see 2:9-10) before we can do good deeds? Or, to say it another way – why must we know we are honored by God before we can be holy?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Look at 2:11-12. Peter tells us to “abstain from the passions of the flesh” while still living “among” the Gentiles. What passions of the flesh do you war against each day? Why is isolation from the world NOT the answer?

b) In verses 12-13, Peter admonishes us to do good in regards to our neighbors (even enemies) and our governing authorities. Do you struggle with these commands? What are some practical ways you can “honor everyone” and “honor the emperor?”

c) Our good works silence our enemies that would think less of us (2:15). Is there someone in your life that speaks evil of you, maybe for your faith? How can you do good to them?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) 2:16 reminds us that we are free. How has Christ made us free? Do you feel free? Why must we be free in order to be “servants of God?”

APPLICATION

a) Look at 2:12 one more time. “Keep your conduct honorable.” Is there any blind spot in your conduct that you see in each other as a group? Give permission for others to speak into your life.

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 2:9-12.

PRAYER

Praise God for how he has honored us and set us free in Christ.

Repent of ways that your conduct has failed to be honorable (uplifting, holy, gracious).

Ask God to reveal the good deeds he has planned for you this week.