

Week 7: I Peter 2:11-25

LOOK BACK

Spend a little time sharing how you are seeing God work in your life right now.

LOOK UP

In these four sections we are given instructions on how a Christ-follower is to live.

2:11,12 – The Christian is to abstain from fleshly lusts.

What are these believers referred to as? Why?

What are some passions of the flesh?

How is it that these passions war against the soul or the self?

How can fulfilling verse 11 fulfill verse 12?

What is the day of visitation? Wednesday?

2:13-17 – The Christian is to show proper submission to the government.

Why should we be good citizens? Does our obedience to the government have limits? What are they? Our conduct is a way to give an apologetic (defense) of the gospel. Why would Peter highlight behavior if we are saved by grace?

How are we to use our liberty? Does it have limits?

Who are we to honor? What about jerks? How do we show honor to those who are belligerent?

2:18-20 – The Christian should show proper submission to employers.

What type of employers are we to subject to?

What is the key to unjust suffering?

To be punished for wrongs is not to our credit. How do we often respond?

2:21-25 – The example of Jesus

Christ's sufferings are called what? What is the point of an example?

Jesus was without sin. Jesus was reviled but did not condemn or attack in return! Instead he entrusted himself to God and His righteous judgment.

How did Jesus go way beyond being an example? What was the purpose of Jesus bearing our sins according to Peter? How difficult is the ethic that Peter is proposing? How does this strike you?

LOOK FORWARD

What from this passage changes how you see the upcoming week?