

LIVING AS A SOJOURNER

# I PETER

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**February 5, 2017**

**1 Peter: Holiness & Hope**

**Text: 1 Peter 1:22-25 Loving Others**

*This group is going to be one of those groups where we ask you to read several passages of scripture together as a group. Make sure and open up your Bible and read these together.*

**Read together as a group the text we looked at Sunday. 1 Peter 1:22-25**

Here is the south we tend to be a really “friendly” group of people. How would you describe someone that is friendly? **What draws you to those people?**

In Matthew 22:37-29 Jesus talks about the most important goals in life. **Read that passage together and process as a group why we focus on loving God at church more than we love and serve each other?**

The passage we read in 1 Peter pushes us to love each other deeply but it also reminds us why we should love each other deeply. If you follow Jesus you are born again into an eternal life to be shaped by eternal things.

**Why would Peter connect eternal things with loving people as a motivation for loving others?**

Loving one another is part of our purification and maturity as a follower of Jesus. **How do we grow and mature through loving others?**

**The kind of love Peter is taking about is love that is intentional!**

Have you ever been in a relationship where you learned you had to choose love?

What are some ways that you can be intentional with loving others in your life?

How much does our need for emotional safety impact our willingness to love others deeply? **When do you find yourself limiting your effort to love others deeply?**

We closed our service reading a passage from Romans 12:9-18.

**Read that together as a group and spend some time sharing as a group what parts of this passage are difficult for you to live out.**

Close group by praying for each other to love others deeply.