

LIVING AS A SOJOURNER

1 PETER

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1 Peter: Submission & Freedom

Text: 1 Peter 2:11-17

Read together as a group the text we looked at Sunday. 1 Peter 2:11-17

This passage challenges us to think through the idea of submission. Let's start group by connecting the idea of submission and government. **Are you vocal about your political opinions or are you quiet about them? Why?**

Verses 11 & 12 help us understand how to live life in a world where we don't always fit!

What are some practical steps you can take to live in a way that honors Jesus in the midst of a world that rejects the ways of Jesus?

Verse 13 calls us to submit to authority. **How does that hit your heart?**

Peter never qualifies our call to submit to authority in this passage. **Why do you think he left these qualifications out?**

Sometimes we have to submit to our authority and also push back on unjustness by submitting to the consequences through resistance. **How does submitting to our authority pave the way for us to inspire change?**

Peter leads us to see that **submission leads to freedom**. Process together as a group this quote from Martin Luther...

"A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

The distinguished mark of a follower of Jesus is that we give honor to all people.

How does submission to the authority in Jesus help you to honor others?

What are some practical ways we can honor people around us even when it's difficult?

We ended our service with this simple thought, **be absolutely His**. How are you going to live this out this week?