



DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss this weekend's sermon while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

Week of July 6, 2025

GETTING STARTED

- What's one area of life where you've felt powerless or out of control lately?
- This week's passage talks about submission, humility, and suffering. Which of those feels hardest for you to live out right now—and why?

DIGGING INTO SCRIPTURE

- Read **1 Peter 2:11–3:7** aloud. Pause for 30 seconds of silence before discussing.
- Peter calls us “foreigners and exiles.” What are the tensions or challenges of living that way in today's culture?
- Verses 11–12 contrast “sinful desires” with “living good lives among the pagans.” What does it look like to live a “good life” without trying to be impressive or performative?
- How does Peter reframe submission (to government, work, spouses) as an act of faith—not weakness?
- Look again at 2:21–25. What strikes you about how Jesus suffered? How is Peter inviting us to follow His pattern?
- What's one place in your life—home, work, marriage, friendships—where you feel the cost of living as a follower of Jesus?





HONEST REFLECTION

- random said: "Suffering may be the most powerful apologetic in the world." Where have you seen that to be true—either in your life or someone else's?
- Peter's vision of marriage is shaped by humility, honor, and mutual submission. Whether you're married or not, what does it look like to value others that way in close relationships?
- This passage doesn't give a strategy for gaining power but a pattern for faithful endurance. Where do you feel tempted to fight for control instead of entrusting yourself to God?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Thank Jesus for not retaliating but entrusting Himself to the One who judges justly.
- Ask God for courage to live distinctively—even when it's misunderstood, costly, or slow.
- Pray for those in your group who feel powerless right now—that they'd experience the dignity of faithfulness in exile.
- Invite the Spirit to strengthen your group to be a household of honor, humility, and mutual care.

Next week: We'll be in Week 6 of 1 Peter. Please plan ahead by reading 1 Peter 3:8-12.

