

Life in the Lion's Den: A Study of 1 Peter  
9.25.22

## **Jesus Doesn't Wear Camouflage**

1 Peter 1:13-21

### **Theme**

Blend in...seems like the most obvious strategy when you are living in enemy territory. You need to know, though, that discipleship to Jesus goes in the opposite direction. Be holy...set apart...uncommon. "Live out your time as foreigners." This is not blend in language. But the "precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" does not afford us the option of assimilation. Blending may make things easier, but it will also leave you empty. Still, that same blood of Christ reminds us that to follow this Jesus is likely going to cost us something.

### **Dinner Table Questions**

- How have you personally witnessed or experienced God At Work recently?
- The language of living in a lion's den seems to be really resonating with our church family. Why do you think so many of our brothers and sisters can related to that image?

### **Open Bible Questions**

Read 1 Peter 13-21 together and then wrestle together with these questions...

- With angst and division and misinformation swirling around us, what does it mean for Christians to have minds that are alert and fully sober (v 13)? What do you think of the updated metaphors of "have your wits about you" and "don't panic"? How do we do that?
- The NIV translates the word "evil desires" (v14). A more literal translation would be "lusts." The idea that **any** of our desires are "evil" is countercultural in our day. Are all our desires evil? How does one tell the difference between evil and good desires? In essence, what is the standard for what is good and what is evil?
- What do you think Peter means by "be holy" (v15). Does he mean be perfect? What does it look like for Christians to "be holy"?

### **Monday Morning Questions**

- Peter writes..."live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear."
  - o What does that look like on Monday morning?
    - What impact does that have on what I buy this week?
    - What impact does that have on how I will use my time this week?
    - What impact does that have on the way that I will interact with my coworkers, my neighbors, my family?

Prayer: Father, it is only by your grace power that we can keep our wits about us and not panic. It is only by your power that we can be holy. It is only by your Spirit that we can live our time as foreigners here in reverent fear. Lord help us.