

Foster City Campus

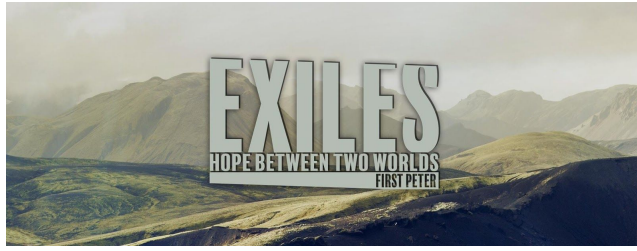
Living a Godly Life

1 Peter 2:11 - 12

February 19, 2017 || Neal Benson

If you have ever felt like a foreigner anywhere you're going to be able to relate to the people Peter is writing to. Peter writes this letter to a group of believers in Asia Minor who are being persecuted for their faith. He is going to give them instructions about being Christ followers in a foreign land. What he wrote almost 2000 years ago is the encouragement many of us need today as we live as a foreigner here in the world — maybe not a foreigner in citizenship, but a foreigner because our citizenship is in heaven.

1. In the introduction of the sermon Neal talked about his recent visit to Israel and feeling like a foreigner in a foreign land. He also talked about how one can feel like a foreigner right here on the Peninsula. Share a time when you've felt like a foreigner.
2. Peter urges them to abstain from sinful desires which wage war against their soul (1 Peter 2:11). Peter uses the Greek word παρακαλῶ (parakalēō) which we translate "urge." Where else in the Bible are we urged to do something?
3. Continuing to look at 1 Peter 2:11, Peter talks about abstaining from sin. Share about a time you found victory over a sin that was taking you captive. Talk about some of the steps you took to abstain from this sin.
4. Thinking about abstaining from sin versus "sin management." Have you had a time where you practiced sin management instead of absence from sin? (Think about Genesis 4:7, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 and 2 Timothy 2:22)
5. In 1 Peter 2:12, Neal said this is a great verse for Lifestyle Evangelism. What does that term mean and how do we practice that? Share practical ways you are living in such a way that others will want to know God.
6. In verse 12 Peter says: "...glorify God on the day He visits." Do you think Peter is talking about the second coming of Christ or on the day that people place their trust in Christ from seeing the good lives of those around them?
7. Close your time in prayer



South Campus Sermon Questions

Beloved exiles, fight sin and live a godly life

1 Peter 2:11 - 12

Feb 19, 2017 || Mark Mitchell

1. What is the relational basis for Peter's urging of his audience (v.11)? What reasons do you typically use when asking someone to act in a certain way (i.e. in your parenting, with your co-workers, etc.)? What results do you experience when you urge others to act? How could Peter's approach change your impact with others?
2. How would you define the "sinful desires" in v.11?
3. Describe a time when you felt your soul at war. What were the circumstances? What was the outcome?
4. Either share with the group or consider individually: what sinful desires currently threaten to war against your soul? What needs to change to stop the war?
5. What does it mean to a live "good lives"?
6. Peter does not say that good living will stop false accusations. What does Peter say will be the result of your "good lives"?
7. Describe a time in which you were accused of doing wrong though you were innocent. How does that experience impact your willingness to follow the command in verse 12?