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1. Opposition doesn't _____ sinful indulgence

1 Peter 2:11-17

But this Greek word translated "abstain" actually focuses on what is _____ as a result of steering clear of something else

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory, and Other Addresses

But there's something about being under opposition that can create within our souls a " _____ " to act on these fleshly desires as though we're owed something uniquely for the difficulties that we're enduring

2. The demonstration of God's _____ leads to God's glory

1 Peter 2:12, 15-16

When the people who are living up close and personal with you, the people in your relational world, experience _____ God's goodness demonstrated through you, you are influencing them toward responding to Jesus' invitation in the Gospel and recognizing Him for who He is

Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus

3. God's in _____ of who's in _____

1 Peter 2:13-14, 17

Have the directives that have been handed down by both our "emperor" and his "governors" developed in you a frustration that has led to you _____ them to others around you or on social media?

Now What?

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Home Group Notes
Week of May 2, 2020
"A People Prepared"
1 Peter 2:11-17



SHARE

Who is someone you know that represents well their company, school, or profession? In what ways is this true?

LEARN FROM THE WORD

Read 1 Peter 2:11-17.

Peter begins with "Dear friends, I urge you" What might you think and feel if these words were sent to you? (The NIV Bible is being referenced here.)

How was being "foreigners and exiles" significant to their actions and impact? How is sinful indulgence more of a temptation when we are away from our normal residence or when facing opposition? (v. 11)

Thus far in the book of 1 Peter, we have seen multiple reasons why we are to live differently than our culture (including sin). List those reasons and include 2:11-16.

What might "good deeds" (12) or "doing good" (15) look like today? How does this impact the people in our worlds? Would it be different if you lived in Iran or China?

What "human authority" are we to submit to today? (13) Why is this so important?

What do we learn about God / Jesus in this passage?

What do we learn about people in this passage?

DISCUSSION TOGETHER

Peter said to “abstain from sinful desires which wage war against your souls.” What do you think this means? How is this true? What has God done to make this directive possible?

As Jesus’ ambassadors, we too are “foreigners and aliens.” How are the commands in vs.13-17 significant to us? (2 Corinthians 5:20) Why is our attitude toward “human authority” so important?

Peter gives some specific ways that our attitudes and actions impact our worlds. What are they and how do they affect the people in our worlds? (The motif of Jesus’ followers impacting their worlds is throughout this letter.) How have you seen this in your own relationships?

How should understanding God’s sovereignty over rulers affect our responses to people in authority?

PRAY TOGETHER

- Please pray for people risking themselves to care for others (e.g. frontline medical people)
- Please pray for the people in your worlds who are yet unconvinced of Jesus and how we represent Jesus
- Please pray for the Light and Power members
- Please pray for our Micah House team and others from Trinity serving our community