



Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - 1 Peter

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Brett poised the question, “what does it look like to live as foreigners in a strange world?” He shared a message from 1 Peter 2:11-12, warning believers to not give in to worldly desires. The culture of the world has infiltrated everything around us, with a focus on living to serve self, rather than God and others. Our feelings should not dictate how we live, but rather the truth of God’s Word.

Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

I PETER 2:11

Make It Practical: 1 Peter reminds us...

What we believe -

- We believe that through God’s great mercy, we have been born again because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3). This new birth gives us a living hope and a priceless inheritance in heaven that is pure and undefiled (1 Peter 1:4-5).
- We believe that we are God’s chosen people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. We are God’s special possession, called to declare the praises of Him who brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9-10).

Where we belong -

- We belong to God’s kingdom, but we live as “temporary residents and foreigners” in this world (1 Peter 2:11). Our true home is in heaven, and we are called to live in a way that reflects our heavenly citizenship.
- We were once not a people, but now we are the people of God (1 Peter 2:10). Our belonging is not defined by earthly ties but by our relationship with God and our connection to the global community of believers.

How we should behave -

- We are called to be holy in everything we do, following the example of God who is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16). This means living a life set apart from worldly desires and focused on God’s standards.
- We should live properly among unbelievers, so that even if they accuse us of wrongdoing, they will see our honorable behavior and give glory to God (1 Peter 2:12).
- We should have a humble attitude, sympathize with each other, and love one another as brothers and sisters (1 Peter 3:8-9). We are also called to bless those who mistreat us, not retaliating with insults.
- We must stay alert and resist the devil, standing firm in our faith, knowing that believers around the world face similar struggles (1 Peter 5:8-9). Humbling ourselves under God’s mighty power ensures that He will lift us up at the right time (1 Peter 5:5-6).

Talk About It

- Living as Foreigners: 1 Peter 2:11-12 calls believers “temporary residents and foreigners” and urges them to avoid worldly desires. What does it mean to you to live as a foreigner in today’s world? How can you balance living in society while maintaining a distinct Christian identity?
- Responding with Gentleness and Respect: In 1 Peter 3:15, we are instructed to be prepared to give an answer for the hope we have, but to do so with gentleness and respect. How can you practically apply this in conversations with those who challenge or question your faith?
- Enduring Suffering with Hope: 1 Peter 5:8-10 reminds us to stay alert against the enemy and endure suffering with the hope of God’s restoration. How can we support each other in times of suffering, and what role does community play in standing firm in our faith?

Do you standout?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for our time together and the wisdom we’ve gained from Your Word. Help us to live as Your chosen people, reflecting Your holiness in all we do. Holy Spirit, strengthen us to stand firm in our faith, and give us the courage to share our hope in You with gentleness and respect. As we go our separate ways, may Your grace and peace guide us, and may our lives bring glory to You. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Biker Blessing is happening on September 8th! Do you have a biker friend you can invite to this event?