



Passing Through | 1 Peter 2:11-17

We live in a sinful, broken world & often, we can act as though it doesn't affect but the result is costly. Either ignoring or isolating from suffering is merely a band-aid that isolates from the grace of God.

Peter encourages us to engage the suffering of this world in a distinctly Christian way.

In what ways are you tempted to either ignore or isolate from suffering? Share an example.

READ/REFLECT

1 Peter 2:11-17 ... read through these verses.

The idea of a "sojourner" is someone who is not home – they are in a foreign land. Read Philippians 3:20-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:1, 20. How does understanding your life as a "sojourner" affect the way you interact with life? How would it make a change in the way you live?

What are the passions of the flesh? (v.11) In what ways does giving in to the "passions of the flesh" wage war against the soul?

How does seeing yourself as a sojourner change the way you think about the "passions of the flesh"?

What is the "honorable (beautiful) way of life"? (v. 12)

How does submitting to authority (v. 13) reflect the way of love?

How does the phrase "for the Lord's sake" affect the way we submit?

In what ways can "freedom" be used as a covering for evil?

Why does Peter challenge us to use our freedom to serve others?

What does it mean to honor someone? Look back to 2:7 and the fact that we are put in a place of honor by Christ. What would it look like to honor someone in that way?

RESPOND

Choose one of the titles, commands, or motives from this passage. How do you see implementing that in your life? What changes or shifts need to occur in you for this to happen?

REACH OUT in prayer

Ask each person in the group to share how others can pray for them to apply these truths to their lives.