

Small Group Interaction Questions:

MEANWHILE: The Church that lives and waits
“Shock the World!” 1/18/09
1 Peter 2:11-12

Dear Friends,

Our study of Peter’s letter to the scattered Christians now makes a turn toward influencing our culture. Though we are called to an inheritance awaiting us elsewhere, and we hold a passport for eternity because of Jesus Christ, we live HERE and NOW, in the meanwhile. Our faith must find traction in the real world. Peter invites us to shock the world, not by announcing our theology, but by living it. His words have fresh and challenging application for every one of us.

Pastor Roger

- 1) Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. In what ways does the knowledge that we are “aliens and strangers” influence our lives? What are the qualities of someone who is a sojourner, a traveler, a wanderer without a permanent home? How does this shape our relationship to our world?
- 2) A list of sinful desires, from which Peter tells us to abstain, is found in Galatians 5:19-21. Do we resist these things through sheer white-knuckled will-power? Where does a Christ-follower gain the strength and purpose to say “no” to the flesh? Can you share a practical application of victory?
- 3) “Live such good lives...” says Peter (v.12) Can you share a story of a Christ-follower who, before you became a Christian, showed you by his/her life that they were believers. What did you see in them? What is the lasting memory of how you saw the life of Jesus in them?
- 4) Peter assures us that even when we do good we will be accused of doing evil. Why does the world react in this way? What is our motivation to keep doing good? What is one “good” habit or pattern of yours that could be misconstrued or misrepresented?
- 5) Pray for one another in the spirit of Hebrews 10:24-25. Pray for and encourage each other to live visibly Christ-honoring lives.