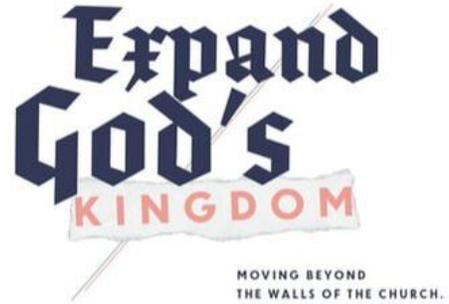


LG Questions Fall 22 WK 2



Big Idea: *I always feel like somebody's watching me.*

Read *I Peter 2:11-17*

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. 17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Potential Questions

1. Peter says Christians are foreigners and exiles in this world and that we should abstain from sinful desires. What does it mean to be a foreigner and exile? How does abstaining from sinful desires help us be a better witness?
2. Peter says Christians are to have "good deeds" and "good lives". Literally, these words mean to live a morally beautiful life. There should be nothing in our conduct that

would give the unsaved ammunition. What are things we do or don't do to give people ammunition to attack our beautiful moral lives?

3. Does living like a foreigner and exile help us be better at sharing Jesus? Why or why not?
4. *Peter says Christians should submit themselves, for the Lords sake, to every human authority.* This means Christians are to submit themselves to institutions of authority, not necessarily to individual laws, when an individual law forces disobedience to God. In what ways do you find it difficult to yield to institutions of authority?
5. A sobering question for the church: "If we had to close our doors, would the community notice our absence?" In the above passage Peter challenges the church to live in such a way that people will NOT be able to deny our good deeds and lives. Give some examples of "good deeds and lives" the church can display that might win over the community and establish a reputation of a morally beautiful life?

Prayer Focus: *Spend a moment praying that we at GBC would live morally beautiful lives. Ask that we would be submissive and supportive to our institutions while at the same time maintaining the integrity of our allegiance to the Kingdom of God. Pray that we would be "in the world" but "not belonging to the world" so that we can be effective at sharing Jesus with others.*