

LISTENING GUIDE

| THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU TO READ AHEAD OF TIME AND CONTEMPLATE WHILE LISTENING.

- Listen for anything dealing with identity, Christ, responses, circumstances.
- Listen for the theme of humility.
- How did Jesus respond to injustice and suffering?
- How does humility play into our witness towards the world?

TALK ABOUT IT

| THIS SECTION LETS YOU DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD AND SERMON CONTENT.

- What kind of situation does Peter describe and what kind of attitude are we meant to have?
 - Why would God find this commendable?
 - How does knowing that we belong to Christ change the way we understand "fairness?"
- Peter points to Jesus for the example of behavior when it comes to what? (*Retaliation*)
 - What do we learn about Jesus' character in these verses?
 - How does remembering what Jesus has done FOR us change what we're willing to do for others?
- What are we meant to do for others? (*Honor and service*)
 - Why do we do these things? (*Not because they deserve it; we represent Jesus*)
 - How might this perspective change the way we approach difficult people in our life?
- How can we distinguish between humble submission and unhealthy compromise?
 - What can we learn from Daniel's example of respectfully standing firm?

| Open Discussion: We all have our "Yeah, but..." moments when God's Word confronts our circumstances. What part of this teaching is hardest for you to embrace? Where do you find yourself wanting to make an exception?

LIVING A STEADFAST LIFE

| THIS SECTION IS FOR US TO CONSIDER HOW TO APPLY IT TO OUR LIVES.

- Think about a relationship or situation where you've been treated unfairly. What would it look like to respond with humility without compromising truth or ignoring necessary boundaries?
- Romans 12:21 calls us to overcome evil with good. What's one practical way you could return good for evil this week?
 - How might your response point someone toward Jesus?

- Jesus entrusted Himself to the One who judges justly. Where are you struggling to trust God with an outcome you cannot control?
 - What might change if you surrendered your need to have the final word?

PRAY

| THINGS TO CONSIDER PRAYING FOR, A GUIDE/REFERENCE.

- Pray that God would give us the humility of Jesus, especially when our pride tells us to fight back.
- Pray for one another in difficult relationships and circumstances.
- Ask God for wisdom to know when to serve, when to speak, and when to stand firm.
- Pray that our church would be known for returning good for evil
- Pray that we're not scared of demonstrating the love and character of Jesus to our neighbors and community.