

*"All work, when done in faithful service to both God and neighbor, is a priestly act of worship."* —Matthew Kaemingk

## WELCOME

This week Peter continues on the theme of being confident citizens of God's kingdom in discussing the attitudes of Christian slaves to their masters. The lessons here also can apply to how we are called to be confident citizens of God's kingdom in our work places and relationships with authority. As you gather this week, discuss one or both of these questions:

- Describe one great boss you have had and one terrible boss and what made them great or terrible.
- Growing up, who was the authority figure in your family? How was disobedience handled?

## WORD

Read **1 Peter 2:18-25**

1. What stood out to you in the scripture? In the sermon this past Sunday?
2. Bearing in mind the new identity these Christian had in Christ, how did Peter's radical instruction to slaves in verse 18-20 provide them with a new way to view their situation and respond?
3. How might seeing themselves as God's chosen and holy people and as holy priests have enabled the Christian slaves to live out Peter's instructions with confidence? How does it help us?
4. In verses 21-25, what does Peter highlight about the purpose of Christ's death? How does this shed light on the life of a Christian slave? And for us as workers?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:8-12. How do the virtues encouraged there foster good relationships? Which virtues do you need more of?
6. How can Jesus' example help you face hardships that you can't change?

## WORSHIP

1. Thank God for each other and God's grace in Jesus Christ
2. Pray for each other in the areas that each of you need grace, wisdom, and courage. Pray that each of you would have the courage to live as a witness for Christ.
3. Pray for the larger needs around you and the ways God is working around the world.

## WITNESS

God calls us to model Christ in difficult circumstances. Is there a specific situation that you are facing where you need wisdom, grace, or courage? How does the earlier part of Peter's letter around the gospel and your identity encourage you to live confidently through this?

## SERMON NOTES: