

Different

Different: You Look Like Someone

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

Key Scripture

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH, 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself^abore our sins in His body on the ^bcross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls. 1 Peter 2:21-25

Key Points

1. LIKE JESUS LIVE WITH ENDURANCE (v. 21)
2. LIKE JESUS FORGO VENGEANCE (v. 22-23)
3. LIKE JESUS REST IN CONFIDENCES (v. 23b)
4. LIKE JESUS LOVE WITH EXTRAVAGANCE (v. 24-25)
5. LIKE JESUS DISPLAY PATIENCE (v. 25b)

Big Idea: Peter explains how this living as God's people applies to civil authority. Peter calls us to submit to authority and live like Christ as servants of God.

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Pastor Dre ask us to revisit the previous passages, what was Peter calling us to in those verses 2:13-17
- How does he apply living as God's people to civil authority?
- What is the expectation of governing authorities?

Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What is the place for government and its authority in the story of God?
- How is verse 17 slightly subversive with regard to honoring the emperor?
- How does it put God in his right place of authority?

Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What is the product of doing good and submission to authority?
- What or who has authority over you?
- What is your attitude toward people in authority?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

We go with God Christ Himself suffered for us and left us an example, so that we would follow in His steps. He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from His lips. When He was insulted, He did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but placed his hope in God, the righteous judge. Christ Himself carried our sins in His body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by His wounds that we have been healed. We were like sheep that had lost their way, but now we have been brought back to follow the shepherd and keeper of our souls. May Christ our crucified Savior draw you to himself, so that you may find in Him the assurance of sins forgiven and the gift of eternal life. And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and always. **Amen.**

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- How can we not use our freedom to cover up evil?
- What are some ways that we cannot cover up evil as a Christian community?
- Tell your group or someone in your group at least one thing you're going to stop so you can live differently.

Dinner Discussion.

- What is your attitude toward people in authority?
- When is it appropriate to disobey civil authority?

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over online.

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