

# Forged: Week 2

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## HOLY LIVING:

### REVIEW:

- Forged – a blacksmith takes mixed, tainted metal and heats it up and changes it and reshapes it.
- We are being “*reshaped*”.

### 1<sup>st</sup>: Remember we are strangers—aliens—foreigners who are dispersed.

- We were taken from the world and are now being made into something for another world—yet we still have purpose in this world.
- **1 Peter 1:1-2; 1 Peter 1:17; John 17:13-15 (NIV)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup>: Now we are the elect, born again into a living hope—through the Gospel.

- Elect in what sense?
- Born again and declared righteous through faith in what Christ did. **Holiness—sanctification—surrendering to Jesus as King—following Him.**
- Define Holy (**1 Peter 1:3; 1 Peter 4:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:8 (NIV)**).
- It’s an ongoing journey (**1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Peter 2:1-2 (NIV)**).
- The Bible says we are supposed to embrace trials!

### 3<sup>rd</sup>: Holiness looks like LOVE.

- Love is the mortar (the connecting material) that brings the bricks together.
- A picture in Christ Jesus.
  - **1 Peter 1:22 (NIV)**.
  - **John 13:6-17 (NIV)**.

### 4<sup>th</sup>: Living Stones that are brought together—a Temple.

- Connected by the love that comes from the Holy Spirit.
- Pure spiritual milk.
  - **1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 (NIV)**.
- God is forging us into individual stones that come together as a spiritual house.
- God is forging us into an army.
- God is forging us into a piece of armor that works with the rest of the body.

## QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS IN LIFE GROUP OR WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Passages to consider: **1 Peter 1:13-2:12 (NIV)**.

Ice Breaker: What is something you crave?

- What from the sermon was meaningful or important to you?
  1. Read **1 Peter 1:13-2:3**. What are the reasons Peter calls Jesus’ followers to strive toward being holy? How would you define holiness?
  2. What did Jesus do for us? What is our part in following Him?
  3. What are you in the process of “*putting off*” and “*putting on*” as you choose Jesus to lead you? What helps you crave—seek out—things of God?
  4. Read **1 Peter 2:4-9**. What does this passage tell us about following Jesus and about who we are?

5. As summer approaches and rhythms change, what is your plan to stay connected to the “*Cornerstone* (Jesus)”, and other “*Living Stones* (fellow believers)”?
6. How have you seen people stumble over who Jesus says He is? Share and pray together over those who you have concerns about stumbling over Jesus.
7. What praises about God do you declare? Who needs to hear them?

**NEXT WEEK:** Read through **1 Peter** at least once – try a chapter a day.

**Passages to prepare:** **1 Peter 2:11-3:7**