



1 PETER:

Holy Exiles



FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING

1 PETER 1:22-2:3

GETTING STARTED...

The very first two brothers that we meet in the Bible, Cain and Abel, we see clearly that sin destroys relationships. We see that in our own lives whether with our biological siblings or with relationships with others, sin so easily gets in the way and destroys what should be a good thing. As believers, we are called to love one another, but as Peter shows us that only happens when we place our trust in Jesus. He is the one who transforms our hearts, so that our relationships with one another may change. As we grow in our pursuit of holiness, as we trust God's word, we see our own hearts begin to shift so that we may love one another rightly.

READ THE TEXT: 1 PETER 1:22-2:3

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

2 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Peter here quotes from Isaiah 40:6-8. How does this quotation from Isaiah help support the point that he is making?
2. Peter uses the analogy of drinking milk that helps us grow. Consider Hebrews 5:11-14, how is the analogy similar and different between these two passages?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

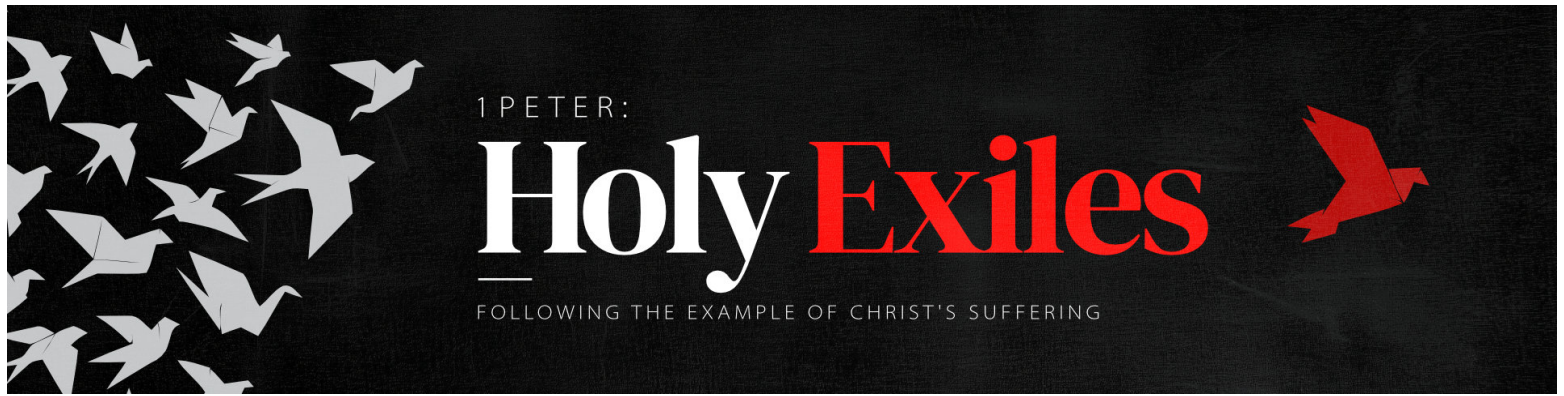
3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been applying to your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. How has being born again impacted your relationships with others?
6. Do you "long for pure spiritual milk"/pure milk of the word? Have you gone through seasons where the longing has waned?
7. What are ways that you implement to stay rooted in the word?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*"Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them." - Psalm 111:2*