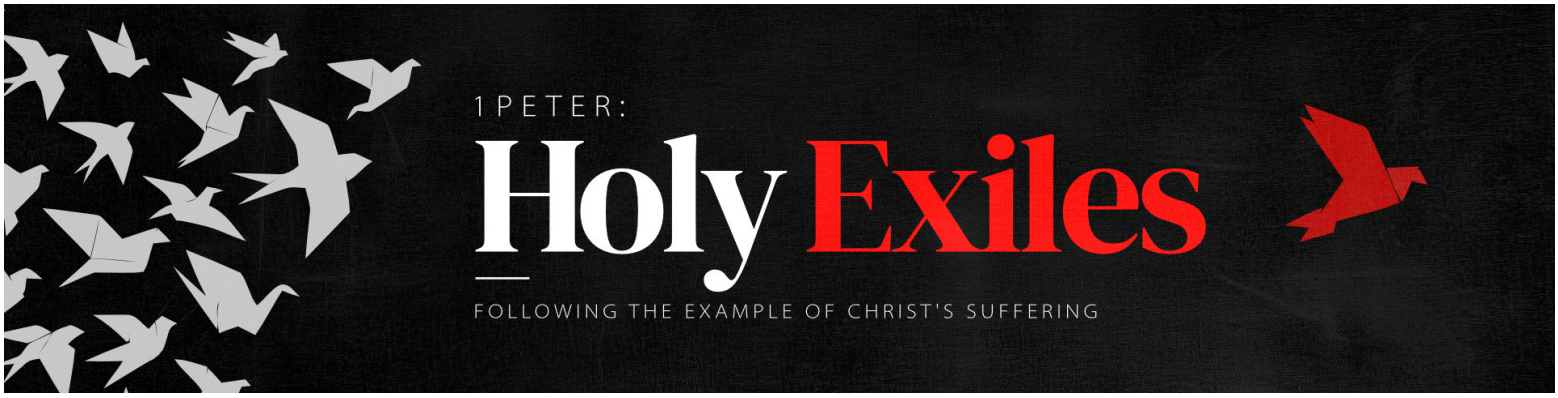


1 Peter 2:4-10

Getting Started…

Have you ever gotten to go behind the scenes at a concert or sports game? People will pay extra money for the experience of being able to go backstage and meet the performers. The exclusivity and personal experience make it worth the time and money. As believers, that is the access that we have with God. Through Jesus we are given direct access to God, and called to be priests. We are not held out, but welcomed in, so that we can show others his goodness. While not everyone will accept what Jesus has done, we are called to showcase his excellencies so that God is worshipped and his glory is made known.

Read the Text: 1 Peter 2:4-10

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God
chosen and precious, **5** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a
spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to
God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it stands in Scripture:
"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"
8 and
"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his
own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you
out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now

you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Understanding the Word

1. Look up the Scriptures that Peter quotes in vs 7-8 in their context. (Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:24, Isaiah 8:14). How does each Scripture passage help support the point that he is making?
2. Peter gives multiple metaphors for the Christian life in this passage, what are they? How does each shape how we think about our purpose as believers?

Reflecting on the Sermon

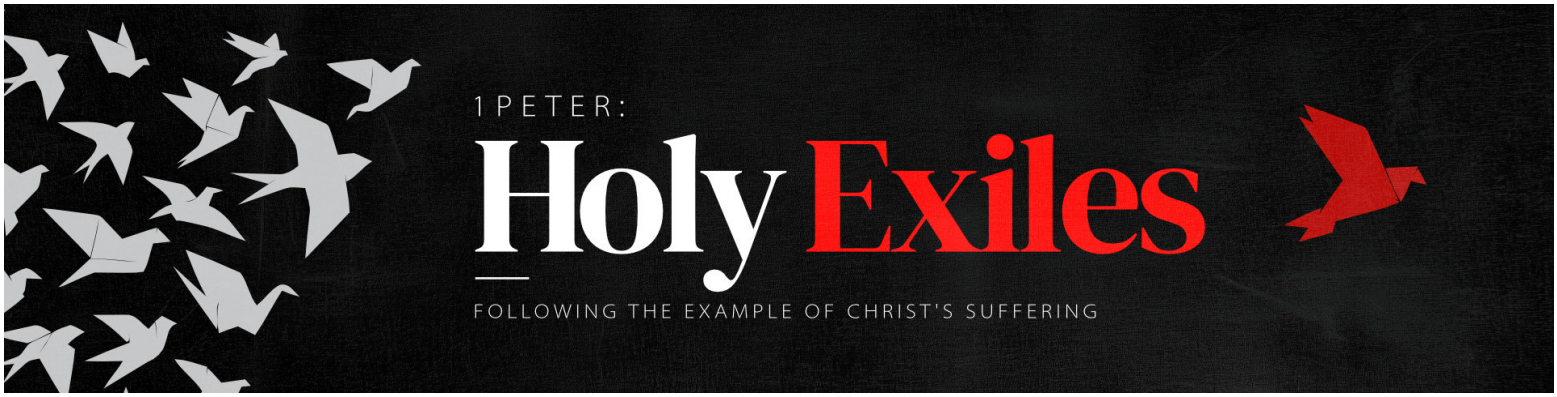
3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been applying to your heart from the sermon?

Applying the Point

5. What difference does it make practically if God has called us to be priests? How should we live out that difference in our lives?
6. Do you consider it an honour to trust Jesus? Why or why not? How can we remember the privilege we have?
7. How can we practically show the excellencies of Christ in our lives? Who in your life can see the difference that Jesus makes? How can we always make sure to point the glory to Jesus, and not just 'being a good person'?

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*