Session 4: “Flying without Fear.”

The Peter Principle: 1 Pet. 2:11-17

“. . .abstain from sinful desires . . .Live such good lives . . .Submit yourselves . . . by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men . . . live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone. . . “

Point of the passage: There is a specific way we are to live as followers of Jesus “between the times.”

Application: Much of what Peter says is counterintuitive and counter to culture, but we are still to obey and figure out what it looks like today.

1 Peter 2:11-17.

Background:

1. *They were to recognize who they really were. V. 11*

   - Aliens and strangers (temporary residents/pilgrims).
   
   - Look in the mirror.

   *Application:*

2. *They were to live exemplary lives while here. V.12*
- Will be slandered, accused, spoken against falsely.
- Response?

*Application:*

3. *They were to submit to all human institution – all authority. 13-15.*
   - For the Lord’s sake, not the authority’s.
   - Because Jesus gave us an example to be followed
   - Because God uses authorities to hold back wickedness.
   - Because your submission and good deeds will silence foolish men, even those in power!
   - Peter is talking here about ordinary life; he does address our response to persecutions later in the later.

*Application*

4. *There were to understand the nature of their freedom. 16-17.*
   - Fact to be reminded of.
   - Still slaves to God, so don’t abuse your freedom.
   - Respect/Honor all people.
   - Love the church.
- Fear God.
- Honor the king.

*Application:*

*Conclusion:*