

*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. *They 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:*