

Sermon Questions

2 Peter 3:11-18

“Live Differently”

1. This week’s sermon focused on holy living in light of the return of Christ. While holiness is the responsibility of every believer, why do you think it gets a bad rap by the world and even other believers?
2. Pastor Jim began by saying that because we are different than the world around us, we need to live godly lives. Read 1 Peter 1:13-15; 1 Peter 2:11-12; and Matthew 5:14-16. What is the result of living holy lives and doing good deeds? Discuss a time when your holiness was a witness to the world?
3. In 1 Peter, the theme was about living differently with regard to suffering while 2 Peter is about living differently with regard to the values of this world. How have you experienced God’s grace in both times of suffering and walking in holiness in the face of the world’s values? What promise does God make to those who have suffered (See 1 Peter 5:10)?
4. Growing in holiness takes effort. Read Rom. 8:13; 1 Cor. 15:9-10 and Phil 2:12-13. What do these verses say about our responsibility when it comes to our sanctification?
5. Read John 16:7-11; 1 Cor. 2:6-16 and 2 Cor. 3:18. How does the Spirit work in us to make us holy?
6. Read Romans 8:1, 38-39; Eph. 1:11-14 and Col 1:13. How does personal holiness flow out of your identity in Christ?
7. Take some time to pray together. Pray that God would continue to empower you to overcome sin and live holy lives. Ask God for the strength and courage to live a godly life amidst a culture that denies God. Pray that your commitment to Christ would be a bright light that would draw unbelievers to the love of God in Christ.