

FOLLOWING CHRIST

A STUDY IN 1 PETER

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Going Outside

Introduction

1. Knowing Our Place

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⁴ “I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.”” (Genesis 23:4, ESV)

¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.” (Deuteronomy 10:19, ESV)

²³ The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me.” (Leviticus 25:23, ESV)

2. Do Distinctive Good

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3. Aim to be a Model Citizen

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.” (1 Peter 2:13-17, ESV)

Digging Deeper into Following Christ

This week's passages:

Monday – 1 Peter 2:11-17

Tuesday – Genesis 23

Wednesday – Luke 10:25-37

Thursday – Titus 3

Friday – Romans 13

Weekend – Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God's word says about Following Christ. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word (“*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*” James 1:22).