

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

Pastor Dave unpacks 1 Peter 1:13–2:3 to show how believers are called to live as "exiles"—people who are in the world but not of it, with their ultimate ownership belonging elsewhere. Pastor Dave walks the church through three essential movements of a distinct life: hoping rightly on the grace of Christ, loving deeply from the heart as a spiritual family, and desiring ongoing growth by craving the pure spiritual milk of God's enduring Word.

SHARE

What's the strangest or funniest "rule" or "tradition" you've ever had to follow—whether in your family, at school, or somewhere else? Did you ever accidentally break it? How did it feel to try to fit in or stand out in that situation?

READ

Let's read **1 Peter 1:13–2:3** aloud together.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember, the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What stood out to you the most about the sermon?

2. Look closely at 1 Peter 1:13–16. What does Peter mean by "preparing your minds for action" and being "holy in all your conduct"? How does Peter connect this call to holiness to God's own character? (Consider Leviticus 11:44–45 referenced in v.16.)

3. How does Peter contrast the "old ways" of life (1:14) with the new life we're called to in Christ? Why do you think he emphasizes not conforming to former desires?

4. Take a closer look at 1 Peter 2:1–3. What does it mean to "crave pure spiritual milk"? How does this

metaphor help us understand spiritual growth, both individually and as a group?

5. Pastor Dave mentioned that holiness is not about perfectionism or legalism, but about responding to God's love. How can we encourage each other to pursue holiness in practical, grace-filled ways?

6. Peter calls believers to live holy and set-apart lives in a world that often values different things. What does it look like to live distinctively in your daily routines—at work, school, or in your neighbourhood—so that others are drawn to Christ rather than pushed away?

7. How can our attitudes, words, and actions reflect the hope we have in Jesus in a way that is both authentic and attractive to those who do not share our faith? Share some practical examples of what this might look like in your context.

NEXT STEPS

- Pastor Dave challenged us to stop trying to shape Scripture to fit our lives and instead let Scripture make the most out of us.
- Take time this week to examine one area of your life where you have relied on self-effort rather than letting God's Word shape your thoughts, values, and choices.
- Consider how you can step into the **Joining God in the Neighborhood** initiative to put your faith into practical motion right here in the eastern GTA.

PRAY

Spend time praying together as a group:

- Begin by silently thanking God for the priceless, imperishable blood of Christ that redeems us.
- Then, take turns sharing brief, specific prayers asking the Holy Spirit to root out any lingering deceit, envy, or slander in our lives and to give us a fresh, newborn-like craving for His Word.
- As appropriate, ask forgiveness.

CONNECT

Be on the lookout for local community outreach and workshops happening through **The Hub** where our small group can come alongside what God is doing in our local region.

CLOSING

As we leave our time together, let us remember that we are chosen exiles on mission, called to live a distinct way of life that reveals the holiness and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.