



Small Group Questions

July 6, 2025

Sermon: Let Freedom IN CHRIST Ring!

1 Peter 2:9-17

1. As an aid to looking at the assigned text, 1 Peter 2:9-17, read 1 Peter 2:1-8 to familiarize yourself with the context a bit. Talk through the implications of “being found” to 1 Peter 2:1-17. Articulate from the text that the audience was once lost but is now “found” individuals.
2. Does the text indicate their citizenship? Where is it?
3. Definition of “Patriot:” one who loves and supports their own nation (Merriam-Webster). According to this text, are heaven’s citizens to be patriots of heaven?
4. While we are blessed to be Americans, according to almost any standard, are we more blessed to be Christians, heaven’s citizens? Describe.
5. According to 1 Peter 2:1-8, heaven’s citizens, believers, are to be growing, committed and serving. How are we to grow? How is our commitment to God and heaven display itself through us? How do we serve God and heaven?
6. According to 1 Peter 2:11-17, we are to “abstain” from what? Submit to whom? This is whose will (vs 15)? Nero was emperor when 1 Peter was written. So, how does these commands apply to us today?
7. I love 1 Peter 2:16. It means we are to behave as “free” men. Free from whom or what? “... and do not use your FREEDOM as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God.” We often misuse the word “free.” Don’t we have laws? We aren’t free to do just anything we want. So, again, from whom or what are we free? Discuss the difference between being free to do what we want vs being free to do what we OUGHT. Does this relate to 1 Peter 2:16?