

- 1) Think back (if you can) to before you became a Christ-follower – to some of the people who testified to you that they knew the Lord. What were they like? Did their lives match their testimony? What were you like when you first told someone about Christ? How much grace do you think God has for immature Christians who speak of Him?
- 2) Read 1Peter 1:17 and compare it to 1Peter 2:11. How are these verses ‘parallel’ in their message? How do they differ? What other Scripture can you think of that also has this message?
- 3) If you were explaining 1Peter 2:11 to a child and they asked you to explain what a desire is, how would you answer? Are all desires sinful? How do you tell which desires are sinful and which are not?
- 4) Read 1Peter 2:1-12. Observe that in verse 11 we are exhorted to be holy in our private life. In verse 12 we are exhorted to be holy in our public life. Why does holiness have to begin internally?
- 5) In the context of 1Peter 2:11-12, should a good life have visible good deeds? Must a good life have good deeds? Who defines what is good and what is not?
- 6) During the message, Pastor Marcus alluded to visible good deeds as ‘public holiness’. What is the value of such holiness that goes beyond our personal private life? Consider 1Peter 2:12 and Matthew 25:31-46 in your answer.
- 7) Would you say it is true that more holy we are, the more effective and helpful we are to God’s purpose for us and His mission to reach others? If so, is it fair to say your life will be improved as you live out what you’ve gained so far in our study of 1Peter? If so, is it worth making that a priority - and if it is worth making that a priority, how will you do so?