Stand Out | 1 Peter 4:1-11

The apostle Peter wrote his first letter to Christians who were living as a misunderstood minority in a culture that did not share their beliefs, values, or behaviors. He described them as **"strangers and exiles"** in the world—people whose true citizenship belongs to another kingdom. This week, we are reminded of how to say "no" to the world and stand out for Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

SPIRIT

1. How did the Spirit stir your mind or convict your heart from the sermon? Share with your group how the sermon moved in your heart, mind and soul and what response(s) you sense the Spirit moving you towards.

SCRIPTURE

1. Read 1 Peter 4:1-11 in various translations and answer the following questions:

    a. Starting in verse 1, Peter focuses the believers' attention BACK towards Christ's suffering and then implements a cause & effect command for them to live out in the NOW. What is the command to the believers based on Jesus's suffering and what is the intended effect in their lives?

b. In verse 7, Peter focuses the believer's attention FORWARD towards the end of times being near, then issues another round of "cause & effect' commands for how to live in the NOW. What are the commands and how should those command impact their affect and impact their lives?

SAINTS

1. Pastor Keith shared 5 contrasts that illuminate the reality that Christian's face when the world's worldview collides with God's Kingdom-view. What are those 5 contrasts?
2. Which of those 5 have you found the greatest difficulty recognizing and being faithful in?
3. Pastor Keith shared a powerful quote in his charge to the church, "Show me your primary identity and your closest friends, and I will show you your destination." Share with your group where you used to get your identity and who your friends were before Christ and now in Christ. Is there a clear and distinct difference or are you still struggling to leave the past and embrace the present?
4. What is one direct action you can take today to either…1)stop following the world OR 2)start standing out for Jesus?

PRAYER

1. Seek the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to move on the hearts and minds of your group to enable spiritual maturity and group multiplication. Give the Spirit permission to call anyone, at any time, for anything, that advances the Gospel and makes disciples of Jesus Christ.

2. See a Need – Serve a Need:

Ask the Holy Spirit to give your group spiritual eyes that truly see the need to harvest souls for Jesus and the gospel opportunities at Cityview Bible Church to serve the body of Christ, our visitors and guests, our community and beyond. Ask the Spirit to stir your hearts to meet and serve those needs.

3. Step Up & Step Out:

Ask the Holy Spirit to stir your group when it is time for a member or members to step up to the next level of group leadership or step out to launch and birth a new group.