

Calvary Family Night

Personal Growth Elective

September 2011 thru May 2011

**February 29    1 Peter 2:11-25    Lesson 20    Living in a Pagan World**

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**Day 1** From last week's lecture, what applications were the most personal for you?

As a living stone, how has God shaped you to work in His kingdom? As a living stone, what in your life is God calling you to die to?

**Day 2** Read 1 Peter 2:11-12

What are the dictionary definitions of the words foreigner and exile? What are some negatives that traditionally accompany being a foreigner or exile?

Read Philippians 3:18-21. What awaits those who have citizenship in heaven and what awaits those who do not?

Read Matthew 5:14-16. What eternal benefit may result for pagans who witness our efforts to live holy lives? In what ways do you humbly obey these passages?

**Day 3** Read 1 Peter 2:13-14, 18

Do you see exceptions in these verses regarding types of authority we are to submit to? How does this then line up with what Peter and the apostles say in Acts 5:29?

Who is in authority over you? How do your actions and attitude demonstrate respect and submission?

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**Day 4** 1 Peter 2:15-17

Read Romans 6:15-23. What does it mean to live as free people who are also slaves to God?

What does it mean to fear God? Use Bible verses to support your answer.

**Day 5** Read 1 Peter 2:19-25

Name examples of the types of suffering Christians may endure that would be considered commendable by God.

Name the greatest benefits of suffering according to Romans 5:3-5.

Today commit to memorizing one of the following verses:

Romans 6:18

- Write the verse on a small piece of paper and place it in your pocket
- Repeat it while driving, before meals, and before bed
- Share it with some one at work and at home

**Day 6** Read 1 Peter 2:19-25

As Jesus suffered, who was actually His judge (verse 23)? Consider mankind's creation, fall, and redemption to describe how this came to be.

For what did Jesus endure the cross for in Hebrews 12:2 and what do you think this refers to? Take a few minutes to reflect on the suffering Jesus endured on your behalf – tell Him what this means to you.