

CONFIRMATION WORSHIP NOTES

Name: _____

Date: _____

1) What do you notice in the sanctuary today
when you come to worship?

2) How would you describe your attitude for
worship this morning?

3) Who were you worshipping with this week?

Confirmation Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Living Hope

Sermon Title:

Text: 1 Peter 2:13-25

Write down the Next Step for this week:

Study Guide

When you think about your primary citizenship or allegiance, what comes to mind?

Read 1 Peter 2

What are the recommendations Peter makes in verses 1-3?

In verses 4-8, Peter begins using the analogy of "living stones" to describe followers of Christ.

Why does Peter use this imagery?

How does Peter come up with this analogy?

What specific OT references does Peter quote?

How does Peter want the reader to understand his/her identity? (vv.9-10)

What does Peter say makes someone "God's people"?

As a follower of Christ, you are a sojourner/alien/exile, temporarily living life on the earth. (vv. 11-12)

How does that change the way you understand your role as a citizen? Does this understanding make things easier or harder for you? Why?

Are there specific ways of living Peter recommends for sojourners/exiles? What are they?

Verses 13-20 are challenging reminders and recommendations of how Christians are to live in society.

What does Peter write that makes you ask the question - 'Is this just for the original audience, or is this for me today?'

Why is that an important question to ask?

Why are Christians supposed to submit to human institutions? (vv. 13-15)

What effect does a Christian living in society have?

How does Peter articulate the purpose of a Christian's freedom? (vv.16-17)

How would you describe the tension between freedom and submission to authority?

Do you think it is easier or harder to be a Christian with freedom and living as subjects to governing authority today or for first century Christians? Why?

Why do you think Peter directly addresses servants, but not their owners? (vv. 18-20)

What other passages from the Bible communicate the same message of responding to being treated unfairly?

How do you think the congregations who this letter was written to received these recommendations from Peter?

Describe the example of Jesus from verses 21-25.
How does this challenge you?

How does this encourage you?

What are some other texts that describe Jesus as Shepherd?

Next Step: Talk with someone about the tension between living as a subject to human institutions and living as a free person. Memorize 1 Peter 2:16-17.

Next Week's Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-22