

EMBRACE WEIRD: Honour, Endure, Entrust

- 1 Peter 2:11-25

KICKOFF

What stood out to you from the sermon, and what questions did it raise?

Prayer for our time in God's word.

Read 1 Peter 2:11-25

- What strikes you from the passage?
- Peter describes Christians living in several tensions at once. What are they?

BIG IDEA: HONOUR, ENDURE, ENTRUST

In 1 Peter 2:11-25, Peter tackles the tension Christians live in – belonging to God while feeling like outsiders in the world. Three words shape the response: honour, endure, entrust. We're called to live with honour – beautiful conduct in our communities and workplaces – not just keeping out of trouble, but proactively doing good. We're called to endure unjust suffering rather than escape it, showing grace to those who don't deserve it, as God has shown us. And we're called to entrust our identity, our hopes, and our souls to God who judges justly – following the example of Jesus who suffered without retaliating. The anchor for all of this: Jesus is the shepherd and overseer of our souls, keeping us for eternity.

HONOUR (1 Peter 2:11-12)

Honourable = beautiful in moral purity.

- How is honourable conduct similar or different to the holy conduct we are called to in 1:14-16?
- Why does honourable conduct sometimes result in opposition?

(1 Peter 2:13-17)

- What aspects of our government do you find difficult to submit to?
- How do Christians – either through inactivity or political activism – sometimes get it wrong?
- What are positive ways to demonstrate submission? How can we demonstrate to governing authorities that we are a positive force for good?

ENDURE (1 Peter 2:18-20)

- How does the command to be subject to masters (employers) challenge your attitudes to work?
- What makes endurance difficult?

ENTRUST (1 Peter 2:21-25)

- How does knowing Jesus – his experience and his example – build resilience?
- Re-read verses 24-25. What has Jesus done, and what does that mean for how we face suffering?
- What aspects of entrusting your “self” to God do you want to work on?

Prayer: In response to the passage.

Vision Prayer: Father God, by your grace, enable our church to be a city of refuge within the city of Brisbane. Empower me this week, by your Spirit, to offer one person the refuge, security, and hope found in Christ Jesus. Amen.