

Sermon Bible Study Series

Title: First Peter: The Exilic Life—Exilic Fear, Exilic Love

Primary Text: 1 Peter 1:17- 2:3

Expanded Reading:

Big Idea: *Peter calls us to Dwell in God's epic and earthy story, thereby growing in proper Fear of God and deep Love for each other.*

Review What to you was the most significant teaching you recall from the message? What spoke to you?

In Focus *Re-read the Primary Text*

1. *What sort of fear is Peter calling us into? Summarize the three qualities in your own words, and share which one spoke to you the most. (1:17-21)*
2. *What are the two things needed for us to “grow into salvation” (NRSV) and thus grow in Christian love? How might God be inviting you to change your lifestyle so as to increase these two things and thus “grow into salvation” more? (1:22-2:3)*
3. *How has your understanding of what it means to be an “exile” changed by listening to the sermon? And how does this new understanding inform how you go through your day-to-day life?*

Follow-up Did the sermon raise any questions you wished you could ask?
Can you locate any potential answers to those questions in Scripture?

Mission Peter offers us a complex picture of God (1:17-21). How might this complex picture of God motivate your desire to participate in His mission? And how might it inform how you go about participating in his mission?

Name one practical thing from the sermon and/or passage that you are going to implement in your life this week.