DISCUSS

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12

- Peter calls believers "temporary residents and foreigners." What do these terms suggest about our ultimate home and place of belonging?
- Why is it necessary to "live properly" among our unbelieving neighbors? What does this tangibly look like?
- What does this passage show about God's desire for those outside the faith?

Read 1 Peter 2:13-17

- Why does Peter emphasize "for the Lord's sake" when instructing believers to submit to human authority? How does this change the motivation behind submission?
- What is the difference between blind obedience and submission "for the Lord's sake"?
- Verse 16 says we are "free," yet we are called to "live as God's slaves." How should the church model freedom and servanthood?
- How do these verses reflect God's sovereignty over human governments?
- What are practical examples of showing "respect to the king" or governing leaders today, even when we disagree with them?

Read 1 Peter 2:18-25

- Why might Peter emphasize showing respect to both kind and harsh masters? How would this have challenged cultural norms for both slaves and masters?
- How do you respond when someone wrongs you? Do you retaliate or entrust the situation to God?
- Verses 21–25 point to Christ's suffering as an example. How does Jesus' response to suffering shape how Peter calls believers to live?

TAKE ACTION

What area of your life do you need a move of God in? Where do you need to see a miracle? Take some time to break up in pairs or pray over these miracles as a group.