



Week 4

What it won't cost you

Main Text: 1 Peter 2:11-12

Additional text: 1 Peter 3:13-22; Proverbs 11:5-6

Before You Begin:

1. Remind the group of our definition of character: Doing what is right as God defines right no matter the cost.
2. Tell the group about a time when you got lost. How did you feel?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read **1 Peter 12:11**. How are Christians “foreigners or exiles?” In our world?
2. How does sin wage war against our soul? How have you seen this in the lives of others? How have you seen this in your own life?
3. What are the sins that you find it particularly difficult to “abstain” from?
4. The Rabbis say that in every human’s heart is a black dog and a white dog. The one you feed the most becomes the biggest. Believers are citizens of two realms and two ages— **which one exerts the most influence in your life?** How has this been a struggle? What steps have you taken to make it easier?
5. Read **1 Peter 12:12**
6. How does it make you feel to be reminded that a lost world is watching your behavior? Share a story of a time when you didn’t exemplify Christ in your behavior.
7. In what ways does the world want to slander Christians?
8. What should be our weapon of choice against their slander? What does this look like in your life?
9. Read **Proverbs 11:5-6**. Jeremy says people with character are consistent, trustworthy, predictable and dependable. Is it easier to get along with others when you have developed godly character? Is it easier to find God’s will for your life when you have developed godly character? Why or why not?

Next Steps:

1. Identify one or two ways your behavior needs to be modified when it comes to non-believers. What steps can you take this week to make those changes?
2. Who is watching your behavior? Who is monitoring your character? What steps can you take to remind yourself of this truth every day?