



# Sermon Growth Guide

**January 24, 2020**

**Here We Go! - Love Like Jesus**

**1 Peter 1:22-2:10**

**Key Verse:** 1 Peter 1:22 “Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.”

**Big Idea:** Value #4 Love like Jesus: Live for others, even when it takes sacrifice.

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## Foundations

This week we look deeply into value 4 of **The First Pres Way - 7 Values in our Pursuit of Jesus**.

Love Like Jesus.

How can we love like someone who was perfect? Jesus tells us in John 13 to love others as He has loved us.

Scripture is clear. We cannot do the things we are called to do in our own strength. Because self-love is so powerful, loving others deeply requires a strength we do not have. The good news is that Jesus has promised His Spirit to love within us. The Apostle Paul then frequently tells us that Christ lives in us and we live in Christ. That means that we can love, not with our own emotions, but with the power and will of Christ who is in us.

Gathered together with your circle, open your time of study in prayer. Ask the Spirit to guide and guard your spiritual formation, enabling you to let go of yourself in the name of Jesus for the sake of others.

## Understanding God's Word

In 1 Peter 2:1, what are we told to give up so that we can love others? Why do you think Peter has chosen these particular behaviors as acts which prevent loving others?

In 1 Peter 1:22-25, Why do you think that after telling us to love others, Peter then reminds us that we have been born again? He doesn't say, “You have been saved,” which is true, but describes our salvation as being born again.

What does the reminder that that we are mortal, but that God's word abides forever have to do with loving and living for others?

## Applying God's Word

Our passage closes out (2:10) with the reminder that we have received mercy from the Lord. Mercy is a tangible act of love for another. Where in your life do you see a need to extend mercy to another?

## Witnessing God's Word

In this passage, believers are called living stones who find their strength by their relationship to the Cornerstone who is Jesus. How do you demonstrate that your life of love is made possible because it has a solid foundation? Pray that you would be freed from love of self so you can love others. Thank God for this infinite love He has shown you in Jesus.