



Sermon Growth Guide

January 31, 2021

Here We Go! – Share Good News

1 Peter 2:11-25

Key Verse: 1 Peter 2:12 “Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

Big Idea: Value #5 Share Good News: Do all it takes to reach those who do not know Christ.

Foundations

What are you unwilling to sacrifice to see your yet-believing neighbor turn to Jesus and receive salvation? It’s a chilling question for many. We so easily become comfortable in blending into our surroundings. Yet we are called to be the light of the world, the salt of the earth.

This week we look deep into Value #5 of **The First Pres Way – 7 Values in our Pursuit of Jesus**.

Value #5 **Share Good News:** *Do all it takes to reach those who do not know Christ.*

All it takes? Yes, all it takes. What will it take to demonstrate God’s love for the people living around you, working alongside you?

Pastor Tim writes, “We are here to bear witness to Jesus and the good news of what Jesus has done to save our souls.” Doing all it takes to reach those who do not know Christ will require much of us, but the fruit we pray for is that those around us will be saved. Doing all it takes is worth the effort—forever.

Gathered together with your circle, open your time of study in prayer. Ask the Spirit to guide and guard your spiritual formation, your growth in Christ.

Understanding God’s Word

According to our opening verse this week, what do “sinful desires” do to our souls?

What do we learn about being a witness to the love of God in verse 12? What does evangelism look like in 2 Peter 2:12?

How does Peter envision Christian behavior / disposition in verses 13-17?

Applying God’s Word

Value #5 challenges us to “Do all it takes to reach those who do not know Christ.” Identify one area of your life where you would like to more fully give yourself away in Christ to see someone come to salvation.

Witnessing God’s Word

Pastor Tim challenges us this week in the sermon with these questions: Are you invested in someone else knowing Jesus? Are you participating in the spread of the knowledge of God in Jesus Christ? What are you doing to fulfill the Great Commission, Jesus’ final command to His followers?

With your circle, encourage one another in ways you can grow as a witness to God’s salvation. Testify to the ways you have seen one another grow over the past several months and celebrate what the Spirit is doing in your midst. Pray that the lost around you would be found.