

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Apr 11-12, 2026

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

How To Live in a World You Don't Belong To

(I Peter 2:11-17)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Peter 2:11-17.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Throughout history and up to present day, how have you seen Christians demonstrate being a fortress, a force, or a fragrance to those around them?

Within this text, Pastor Alan highlights ways we can be a **fragrance** for God instead of a fortress or a force.

First, we can **Fight the Right Battle**. (vs. 11)

What are some of the desires of your heart that distract you from God? (Romans 8:5-6)

How challenging or easy is it for you to keep your mindset focused on God?

What helps you shift your mindset or root your mindset in God?

How do you nurture an environment that helps you stay rooted in God?

Second, we can **Live a Beautiful and Good Life.** (vs. 12)

When have you been inspired by the “beautiful and good life” of a fellow believer – either someone you know personally or someone you have learned about?

When have you been able to respond to a difficult situation in love where maybe a past version of you would have responded with a more negative reaction?

What enabled you to react in this new and more positive way?

Third, we can **Adopt a Posture of Humble Submission.** (vs. 13-14)

How easy or difficult is it for you to submit to authority?

When have you witnessed someone exhibiting submission that inspired you?

When have you been inspired by someone in power choose humble submission?

If you feel called to do so, what step could you take to honor someone in your social sphere who is in some sort of authority position and who you often disagree with?

Forth, we can **Live in the Freedom of Surrender.** (vs. 14)

How often, if ever, do you feel a slave to a certain response (i.e., if someone cuts me off in traffic, I have no choice but to honk my horn; if someone wrongs me, I have no choice but to tell others/gossip about this person’s actions)?

If you have experienced a journey of feeling increasing levels of freedom to choose how you respond to life around you, share a bit about this journey and what it is like to enjoy greater freedom/ability to respond in a way that honors God?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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