

# WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



1 Peter--March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

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## Sermon Recap:

## Everyday Ministry in Everyday Life

### **I. Citizens of Another Kingdom**

- Peter addresses believers as elect exiles, reminding us that Christians are strangers whose ultimate citizenship is not in this world (1 Peter 1:1).
- Marginalization and misunderstanding are not signs of failure but marks of allegiance to Christ (1 Peter 2:12; 3:16).
- The church is a royal priesthood and a holy nation, called to represent God's character and proclaim His excellencies (1 Peter 2:9–10).
- As citizens of another kingdom, we gather for strengthening but are sent into the world as ambassadors of Christ.
- Our distinct lives and enduring hope testify that our inheritance is secure and unfading (1 Peter 1:3–4).

### **II. Lives Marked by Hope**

- Christian hope is a confident expectation rooted in Christ's resurrection and future glory.
- Because of this hope, we put away malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander, and sinful passions that wage war against the soul (1 Peter 2:1, 11).
- We respond to hardship not with passivity or retaliation but with honorable conduct that reflects Christ (1 Peter 2:12).
- We honor Christ as holy in our hearts and remain prepared to give a defense for the hope within us (1 Peter 3:15).
- Our holiness and our words work together to make the gospel visible and credible in everyday life.

### **III. Faithful in the Ordinary**

- Ministry is not an added program but the faithful living of everyday life under the Lordship of Christ.
- Peter places ministry in ordinary spheres such as society, the workplace, and the home (1 Peter 2:13–3:7).
- In society, we honor authorities, serve others, and live as trustworthy, obedient citizens (1 Peter 2:13–17).
- In the workplace, we endure hardship with patience and work diligently as those who serve the Lord (1 Peter 2:18–25).
- In the home, we display Christlike love, respect, and faithfulness in our closest relationships (1 Peter 3:1–7).
- As we live this ordinary obedience visibly before the world, we build relationships and proclaim the excellencies of Christ when asked (1 Peter 2:9; 3:15).

*We live as exiles in a world often hostile to our faith, and ministry begins with how we live—holily, faithfully, and with integrity in society, work, and home. As others see our lives marked by hope, we build relationships and, as 1 Peter 3:15 instructs, are ready to give a defense of the hope within us with gentleness and respect. True ministry is ordinary, everyday obedience that points people to Christ and His kingdom.*

## **Discussion Questions:**

- How does Peter describe the identity of Christians as “strangers,” “sojourners,” and “royal priests,” and what significance does this have for understanding their role in the world?
- How does viewing the church as a “embassy” help us understand our role in society?
- How does hope shape the way we endure trials and respond to hostility
- What does Peter mean when he says to put away malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander?
- What is the significance of giving a defense “with gentleness and respect” rather than forcefully or defensively?
- How does Peter’s teaching challenge the idea that ministry requires extraordinary events or programs?
- How do ordinary acts of faithfulness—like paying taxes honestly, serving coworkers, or loving family members—function as ministry?
- How can relational presence (shared meals, coffee, hobbies, local engagement) serve as a conduit for gospel witness?
- How do ordinary acts of obedience, integrity, and love draw attention to Christ without explicitly preaching?

## **Application:**

- In what ways do you feel like a stranger or exile in today’s culture? How does that shape your perspective on daily life?
- How does seeing yourself as a “royal priest” and part of a “holy nation” affect the way you approach work, school, and social relationships?
- In what ways are you currently prepared—or unprepared—to give a defense of the hope in you (1 Peter 3:15)?
- Are there ordinary routines—meals, coffee, neighborhood interactions, volunteering—where you could intentionally reflect Christ?
- What practical steps can you take this week to invite others into your life, like sharing meals, coffee, or activities?

## **Family Worship Hymns:**

- His Mercy is More
- Before the Throne of God Above

