**Sermon Guide**
**Teaching Series** - Living Hope (1 Peter)
**Sermon Date** - Oct 25, 2027

**Warm Up Question**: Share about a time when someone's conduct changed the way you viewed them or the group/business they belonged to positively or negatively?

**Teaching Text:** 1 Peter 2:11-17

**Study Questions:** (Study questions are meant to support better understanding of the teaching text or encourage further study.)

1. Why does Peter call his readers "sojourners and exiles" in verse 11?
2. In verse 11, what does Peter say the passions of the flesh do, where do these come from, and why should believers abstain from them?
3. According to verse 12, how should Christians conduct themselves among those who do not believe? What outcome does Peter hope for?
4. What does Peter instruct believers to do in relation to every human institution and governing authorities in verses 13-14?
5. In verse 15, how can doing good silence the ignorance of foolish people?
6. How does verse 16 hold together Christian freedom and being servants of God? What kinds of misuse of freedom does Peter warn against?
7. What four commands does Peter give in verse 17, and what does each one teach us about how to treat others?

Application Questions: (Application questions are intended to promote conversation on how God is directing us to apply the sermon, either personally or to the group as a whole.)

1. Where do you find it most difficult to resist desires that conflict with following Jesus? How seriously do you treat sin?
2. What might it look like for your conduct to be honourable among neighbours, colleagues, classmates, or people who disagree with your faith?
3. How can you respond to leaders and governing authorities with respect while remaining faithful to God when you disagree with a decision?
4. Which of Peter's instructions in verse 17—honour everyone, love the brotherhood, fear God, or honour the emperor—is most challenging for you right now? Why?
5. Reflect on how God spoke to you through the sermon/teaching passage. What is one practical step you can take this week?

**Pray**: Pray into the lessons and applications from the teaching text and discussion.

**Bonus**: Romans 13:1-7 & Matthew 5:14-16