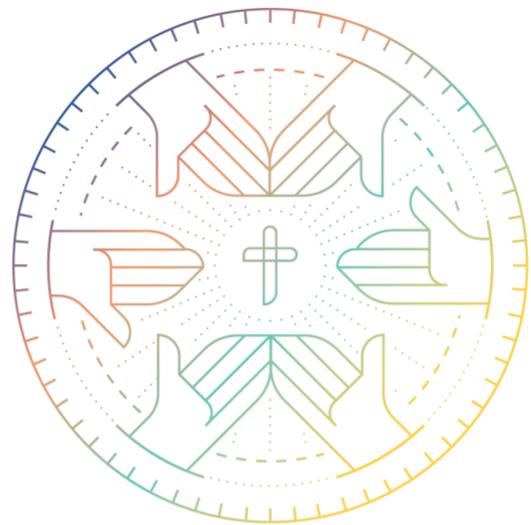


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ICEBREAKER

Share with the group something unique about you that "sets you apart," that they may not know.

OR

What's the most challenging plan you've ever had to follow? (school, college, Ikea furniture, a strict diet)

INTRODUCTION

What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

Read 1 Peter 1:13-25. In what ways does being part of a local church like Fairhaven help protect you or encourage you as you go through various trials?

INTO THE WORD

Read 1 Peter 1:13. What do you think Peter means by "preparing your minds for action" and telling us to be "sober-minded." How are those two ideas related and why are they important?

Read 1 Peter 1:17. How can we explain Peter's instruction to "conduct yourselves with fear"? What if fear has both a positive and a negative connotation? How would we understand which connotation Peter was referring to and how do we make sense of Peter's command?

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12 and Philippians 3:20. In what ways were Peter's readers living in exile (1 Peter 1:17)? In what ways are we living in exile?

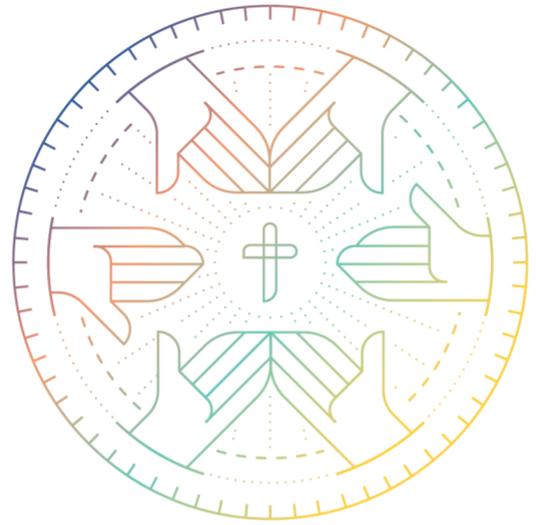
Read 1 Peter 1:22 and Hebrews 10:11-14. How have you been "purified"? Are you pure today? How do we maintain a condition of purity?

APPLICATION

Was there a significant personal application that you took away from the message? Share that with the group.

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David gave us several examples of counterfeit holiness:

1. When your convictions become truth for others.
2. Being an activist in an area of your passion.
3. Living completely isolated spiritually.
4. When giftedness assumes godliness.

Can you discuss what each of these might look like? Come up with examples?

Have you ever been on either the giving or receiving end of one of these? Share the experience with your group.

How can you bring greater motivation to live a holy life into your week?

DAILY THIS WEEK

Spend time each day praying through these truths for the benefit of someone you know who is going through a trial. Call them or write them an encouraging note.

Make a gratitude list that you can add to each day with the things in your life that are good. Thank God that even in the things that don't feel good, He has a good purpose.

Create a list of the things in your life that are imperishable, unfading, and unfailing. How much of your time is spent in things that are eternally important? If you can't think of anything, perhaps that's a good topic to bring to the Lord in prayer or talk to a pastor about.

What one thing can you do each day to remind yourself that you are set apart? You are an exile. You are "otherly." Whatever you choose, do it each day and share that experience with your small group.

PRAYER

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, thank you for delivering us from a futile life apart from you. You have called us your children, and we belong to you. Help that to compel us toward holiness in our daily lives. Strengthen us in our trials and our weaknesses. Help us to focus our hearts and eyes on you and to seek you daily. In Jesus' name, Amen.