

# **A Church That Changes the World**

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Praise with joy : Hymn 560 "In his steps I follow", "Toward the signpost"

Reading the Word : 1 Peter 2 : 18 - 25

Opening the door of your heart

1. Share your experience of how you responded according to the world's way (revenge, tit for tat, using power, etc.) versus God's way (compliance, patience, forgiveness, etc.) when you were 'wronged and treated unfairly.'

Sharing the Word

1. Discern God's will by thinking of Him (verse 18 - 20)
  - 1) What does Peter call the letter receivers? What kind of social characteristics do they have? (verse 11, 18)
  - 2) When Saul was defenseless in the cave of the Desert of En Gedi, what did David do as his men had urged to kill Saul. What does the bible say the state of David's heart was? (1 Samuel 24 : 4 - 6)
  - 3) Why did God knock on David's heart at that moment? (1 Samuel 24 : 6)
2. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ by thinking of God (verse 21 - 25)
  - 1) Why do you think that bearing up under the pain of unjust suffering is 'beautiful before God'? (verse 19)
  - 2) Just as Peter continuously thought of the suffering of Jesus, what can be witnessed to the world by our following in the footsteps of Christ in our unfair situation? (verse 9, 19)

Application and Sharing

1. Share any experience of discerning God's heart and obeying His will when your own will conflicted with God's will.
2. We must train ourselves asking 'What would Jesus do?' (WWJD) in every situation. Share a specific action you must take to follow in Christ's footsteps in your current life.

Prayer that responds to the Word

1. In the moments of injustice and unfairness, help us to resist following the personal anger and worldly logic (revenge, using power) and discern God's heart and respond to His will.
2. Give us the faith and courage to act following in Jesus's footsteps and thinking of Him (WWJD) instead of worldly power and strength.
3. May the sick members of the Inland church experience the Lord's help and healing and depend on Jesus only in their difficult time.