

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for April 30, 2023:  
*An Ancient Letter to a Modern Church: No Good Deed*



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS  
Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- What's something you like to do in the spring that you really dislike to do in the winter?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. 17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.*

*18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God, submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

*22 "He committed no sin,*

*and no deceit was found in his mouth."*

*23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 25 For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

**1 Peter 2:16-25**

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Are we free? What does the phrase "live as free people" mean? What can you do to honor the people around you?
- What does it mean to submit? What is the difference (if any) between submitting and obeying?
- Why are we supposed to submit? It says for the Lord's sake. What good does it do God if we obey the government?
- Read v.18. How does this verse apply to us today in the modern world?
- How should we treat our employers? What if the way they want to run the company and the things they want us to do are ridiculous?

- o How will you normally react if you think that people are treating you unfairly?
- o Why does it find favor with God if we are patient when we suffer unfairly?
- o Who is our ultimate example? In what ways can we follow Christ's example?

- **SERVE** *others*

The second offering during the month of April will go to support the Family in Need Fund. There are seasons or circumstances when a family from RR may struggle financially and we want to be able to pick up our brothers and sisters in need. This fund is designated to be used for members and friends of RR to help during those times. To donate to the Second Offering, visit

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- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**