

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for April 23, 2023:

An Ancient Letter to a Modern Church: Imperishable Seed

**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*
 - Share an Easter memory from your past.
- **GROW** *in Christ*

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.^[a] ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:17-25

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
 - The people that Peter was writing to were Gentile Christians in Asia Minor who felt out of sync with their culture and the world they lived in. How are we similar to them in that way?
 - The question to consider is: "What is that Imperishable Seed and Why does it give us Hope?" How would you answer that based on verse 23 and the text in general?
 - To receive the encouragement Peter talks about we are to stay in the WORD. How do you consistently do that?
- **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 www.royalredeemer.org/worship
 - **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**