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Living With A New Attitude

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1 Peter 4:1-6

### A New Attitude Toward Suffering

- It's Better To \_\_\_\_\_ Than To \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Peter 4:1, Hebrews 12:2, Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 22:42, Genesis 3:1-6

### A New Attitude Toward Discipleship

- Followers \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Peter 4:2-3, 1 John 2:3-5, 2 Corinthians 13:5. John 14:15,21,23

### A New Attitude Toward The Lost

- Seek To \_\_\_\_\_ Them
- Don't Be \_\_\_\_\_ If They \_\_\_\_\_ You  
1 Peter 4:4-6, 1 John 15:18-21

#### Memory Verse

"And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, 'I know God,' but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him."  
1 John 2:3-5

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#### MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord for the first time today
- Memorize 1 John 2:3-5
- Pray for those I know who don't know Jesus, and ask God for an opportunity to share my faith story with them.
- Get the most out of today's message by attending my Life Group





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- Followers **Follow**

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### A New Attitude Toward The Lost

- Seek To **Win** Them
- Don't Be **Surprised** If They **Reject** You

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## Discussion Questions - Week #6

# LIFEGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "Living With A New Attitude," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan to take any practical steps this week in response to the message?

### GETTING STARTED

▶ Pastor Rick spoke of our need for a new attitude in the message this weekend. Share an example of something you initially had a negative attitude about but have since changed your tune.

▶ Share an example of when you or someone you know chose the right attitude in the face of challenging circumstances. How did you (or they) do so?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Philippians 1:27-2:11. If you had to describe Christ's mindset in one or two words, what would you say?

Do you think there is a connection between living a life worthy of the gospel (v.27) and having the mindset of Christ (Phil 2:5)? If so, what?

What can we do to increasingly live with more of Christ's mindset?

How do we pursue like-mindedness with someone we might disagree with?

What is one practical application you could put into place this week considering this passage?

2. Read Mark 2:13-17. What stands out to you in this passage?

Why do you think Jesus chose Levi to follow Him?

What did Levi stand to lose in choosing to follow Jesus?

What has it cost you to follow Jesus?

How did Levi demonstrate the right attitude toward discipleship?

If someone asked you, "What should I do to follow Jesus?" how would you respond?

### FOR PRACTICE

The memory verse for this week speaks about the fact that our obedience is a sign of our love for God. While it is not often recognized, the practice of obedience is a Spiritual discipline known for impressing Christ's likeness onto our wayward selves. Take time this week to ask God to show you one small area that he would like you to turn over in obedience to Him. Then surrender it! The path to complete loving obedience begins with one small step today.

### SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for ERBC and the churches in the Eagle Rock area to embrace our calling to reach our community with the good news of the gospel. Pray for passionate witnesses, open doors to share, and receptive hearts and minds in those to whom we witness.