



Sermon Growth Guide

January 17, 2020

Here We Go! - Hold Fast & Keep Growing

1 Peter 1:10-21

Key Verse: 1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.”

Big Idea: Value #2 Hold Fast: Stay founded on Scripture and centered on Christ, who holds you steady. Value #3 Keep Growing: Learn to grow, and when your life changes, give God the credit.

Foundations

This week we look deep into values 2 and 3 of **The First Pres Way - 7 Values in our Pursuit of Jesus**.

Hold Fast and Keep Growing. Two values to keep us rooted in the truth. We are warned to watch out for deceitful teachings and to stay alert and watchful. In addition to our main passage this week, consider passages such as Hebrews 13:9: “Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.”

How do we stay steadfast? How do we keep growing in Christ? By anchoring ourselves in the community of God’s people around God’s Word.

The Bible. Sixty-six books written by 40 authors over 1,500 years in three different languages, with 63,779 cross references across all those generations. Totally unique among every book ever produced, divine. The Word of God to you and me, to us, God’s people, to stay steadfast and keep growing.

Gathered together with your circle, open your time of study in prayer. Ask the Spirit to guide and guard your spiritual formation, your growth in Christ.

Understanding God’s Word

How is the child of God instructed to live throughout verses 13-16? Where do we anchor our hope, the focus of our heart?

In verse 17 the Christians are given the title “foreigner.” How ought this aspect of your spiritual identity affect your earthly allegiances?

What was the cost of your redemption in verses 18-19.

Applying God’s Word

Peter exhorts the believer in verse 15, “but just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.” Identify one way in which you can ask God to plant you and grow you in His righteousness even more? With your circle, encourage one another and pray for one another for the areas identified.

Witnessing God’s Word

God’s people are called “oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor,” (Isaiah 61:3c). Spend time interceding for one another. Pray that you would be rooted and grow as an “oak of righteousness” so that you would display the splendor of heaven to the world around you. Thank God for this amazing calling on your life.