

# ALIENATED

THE GOSPEL IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD



## Scripture

*<sup>1</sup>Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup>so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. <sup>3</sup>For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. <sup>4</sup>With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; <sup>5</sup>but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup>For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does. (1 Peter 4:1-6 ESV)*

## Outline

Big Idea: Living in faith is a call to be like Christ

Point 1. Christ died for us so we could be free from the sin we were guilty

Point 2. Your new life of faith should cause people to question your lifestyle

# Discussion Questions

**Icebreaker:** In what ways did living in faith challenge your comfort zones or other people's preconceived notions of you this past week?

## **Big Idea: Living in faith is a call to be like Christ**

- What does it mean to arm ourselves with the same “way of thinking” that Jesus had during his suffering? How do we do that?
- What specific actions or attitudes demonstrate living in faith?
- What challenges might we face as we strive to live a life that glorifies God?

## **Point 1. Christ died for us so we could be free from the sin we were guilty**

- How can we recognize and overcome the temptations that may still draw us back to our old sinful ways? What role does the Holy Spirit play in this process?
- How does our understanding of Christ's sacrifice impact our relationships with others? In what ways can we extend grace and forgiveness to those who have wronged us?

## **Point 2. Your new life of faith should cause people to question your lifestyle**

- What is the balance between separating from the world and yet befriending lost people in the world for the sake of the Gospel? How does that play out in your life?
- How can we be intentional about sharing our faith with others? What are some effective ways to witness to our beliefs?

## **Application Questions:**

- What challenges or obstacles might we face as we seek to live a life that honors God? How can we overcome these challenges and remain faithful?
- How does the cross of Christ provide us with the freedom to live a new life? What does this freedom look like in our daily choices and actions?

# Your Prayer

Write out a three-sentence prayer based off this passage.