

# May 19 – 25

Chosen and Exiled | Love One Another Earnestly

**Icebreaker:** What loving action did someone do for you that was deeply meaningful to you? What motivated them to love you in this way?

**Read 1 Peter 1:22–2:3**

**SOAP Discussion** (Details on the SOAP Method at [www.cfdowningtown.com/soap](http://www.cfdowningtown.com/soap).)

## Further Discussion

1:22

- What does Peter say are the prerequisites for fulfilling the command to love one another? Why would these things be critical to loving others?
- What does it mean to love one another earnestly? (See 1 Corinthians 13:4–8a for a further explanation of this kind of love.)

1:23

- What does our status as born again add to our ability to love one another?
- Read John 1:12–13. How does this help us understand the seed analogy of this passage?
- What is the role of the Word of God?

1:24–25

- What is the point of the flower analogy?
- Why is it so important that the Word of the Lord remains forever?

2:1–3

- How have you experienced the following in your relationships? Malice, deceit, hypocrisy, and envy.
- What makes it possible for us to put these things away?
- What is the pure spiritual milk that we should long for?

## Application

- What have you experienced in this church that communicated love to you personally?
- What can you do today or in future weeks to show love to someone in this church?
- To whom do you need to communicate love? How will you communicate love to them? When will you do this?

**For Next Week:** Use SOAP with one verse in 1 Peter 2:4–12.