



THIS IS THE WAY

Right Thinking

2 Peter 2:10b-22

Message Reflection Guide

We've lost it. C.S. Lewis said, "There is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan." Like Indiana Jones's arch enemy Belloq, Satan has snatched any ground gained, mocking us, "Once again Jones, what was briefly yours is now mine." I don't know if you've been keeping score, but Western culture has us bowed and cowed, and we haven't won a single culture war in the past few decades. Instead, we've opted to make lesser, fleeting, and insignificant stands of morality at the cost of lasting eternal impact.

■ Peyton Jones, *Reaching the Unreached: Becoming Raiders of the Lost Art*

CONVERSATION STARTER

What instincts do you think humans have in common with animals?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read 2 Peter 2:10b-22

Brandon said, "**The Gospel calls us to be aware of the enemy while living in The Way of Righteousness.**" What are the characteristics of the world and false teachers? How has false teaching impacted the Church today?

The way of false teaching involves sexual impurity, lack of true life, and acting like animals. How does the Old Testament story of Balaam tie into Peter's warning against false teachers? Why is the church so susceptible to falling for false teaching?

The Way of Righteousness involves being set free from sin, practicing righteousness, and reflecting Jesus. Read Romans 6:17-18. How can others' sins affect your own feeling of being in bondage? How does your sanctification process reflect Jesus to the world?

MAKING IT REAL

Are there aspects of your life that are still living bondage to sin? Maybe this bondage comes as a consequence of your own actions or someone else's.

Ask the Holy Spirit how you can be walking in Jesus's righteousness and be reflecting Jesus to our world.