# Digging Deeper- Discussion for Family Worship and Small Groups 01/23/2022

A Study of 1 Peter: “Following Jesus Through a Foreign Land”

**Sermon Title:** “Commitments: Loving Others Well”

**Passage:** 1 Peter 4:8-9

**Context:** Peter is writing to scattered, suffering Christians facing increased persecution. They need encouragement and instruction as they live out their earthly pilgrimage in a hostile environment. The remainder of the letter focuses on the theme of suffering-mainly from hostile people. Peter knows that Christians must commit to loving each other well so they help others on their journey.

**Main Idea:** *“We must commit to loving others well as we travel through this foreign land.*

**Main Points:**

I. Loving others well is something we must choose to do daily. (Vs.8)

 Ref. Rom 5:8; Eph 1:3-5; 1 John 4:20-21

* We need to be involved in each other’s lives; We need to embrace every opportunity to help each other when in need.

II. Loving others well requires us to stretch beyond our perceived limitations. (Vs.8)

* Let go of your pride; Let go of your fear; Let go of your rights. (Rom 14:15)

III. Loving others well requires us to overlook the unsanctified areas of someone’s life. (Vs.8)

* Don’t be a record keeper. (Matt 18:21-22) Love others like you want to be loved. (1 Cor 13:4-7) Be quick to forgive. (Ps 103:12)

IV. Loving others well requires us to do things that might be inconvenient for us. (Vs.9)

Ref. Ex 23:9

* Remember that people matter more than stuff; Don’t hold too tightly to your schedule; Be willing to let other people into your comfort zone. (Heb 13:2)

V. Loving others well demands a better attitude than most of us have. (Vs. 9)

 Ref. Ex 16:1-3; John 13:35

* Repent of your attitude; Pray for a better attitude; Practice having a better attitude.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn about God’s attributes and promises?
2. What challenges you about the message?
3. Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God’s grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
4. What does this Scripture require of me?
5. How will you practically implement these truths?
6. What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?