

STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND

"Called to Be a Stranger"

1 Peter 1:1-12

1. As Christians, we are conflicted with a dual identity.
 - a. We are in the covenant family of God.
 - b. We are strangers in this world.

2. As Christians, we are called to...
 - ... live in the tension between Jesus' resurrection and return.

 - ... respond to life's challenges with joyful endurance.

 - ... grow in love and trust in an unseen savior.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Read through the book of 1 Peter in one sitting. What themes come to mind? Record your thoughts.

- 2) As you read through 1 Peter 1:1-5, what is the special calling and benefits of being a Christian? How does that make us different from the world?

- 3) Why are trials and hardships beneficial to our growth? (See 1 Peter 1:6-7) Describe a specific way that you have struggled because of your relationship to Jesus.

- 4) As you reach out to your neighbors, how does your life reflect different priorities and values that come from your faith?

Memory Verse

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.”

1 Peter 1:8