

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Current Series: Between 2 Worlds

Message Title: Living as Exiles

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. (1 Peter 1:1-2)

As exiles in the world, all Christ-followers are:

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Life Group Message Discussion Questions

1 Peter 1:1-2

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. How are God's people described in these verses? Why do you think Peter chose these particular terms?

2. In what ways are Christ-followers "exiles" or "strangers" today? Have you ever felt like a stranger in the world? How or in what circumstances?

3. How should being an "exile" give you hope? How might it affect your relationship to the world and the way you conduct yourself? How might it affect the way you approach the trials that you face?

4. What does it mean to be among "God's elect"? Do the doctrines of election and of God's foreknowledge comfort or confuse you? Why?

5. Peter mentions the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in verse 2. To sanctify basically means "to separate" or "to set apart." It is God's way of separating us from sin and setting us apart for Himself. In practical terms, what difference does the process of sanctification make in your life?

6. Why is it significant that all three members of the Trinity are mentioned in these verses? What is Peter trying to communicate to his readers?

7. Do you find it hard to relate to the specific ways that Peter describes your identity as a Christ-follower in these verses? Why or why not? What can you do to remind yourself this week of your identity in Christ?