

Bible Discussion 1: Finding Home

Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Purpose: To live counter culturally because our home is not here on earth but destined for heaven.

Opening Question: *When was the last time you were lost?*

Peter writes to Christians who are living during a time when the culture is extremely hostile toward Christianity. He is preparing them as they live out their faith and face suffering because of it.

Read and Discuss: 1 Peter 1:1

1. *How did God transform Peter's life? Who in your life is an example of transformational growth? How does the work of God in their life encourage you and give you hope?*
2. *What does it mean that Christians were exiled and scattered? Why do you think God would allow Christians to be exiled and scattered? What ways might that have developed their faith?*
3. *How would you describe your citizenship? What does it mean to be a citizen of heaven? What are some of the practical differences in your life of being a citizen of heaven as opposed to a citizen of earth?*

Read and Discuss: 1 Peter 1:2

4. *What does it mean that God chose you? Does God have to choose people for salvation? What role did you play in your salvation?*
5. *How does knowing that God has chosen you encourage you to follow and participate in His mission? How does God choosing you change your life?*
6. *What ways are you currently living out purpose? What are some of the future plans or desires that you would like to participate in God's work?*