



January 8, 2017

I Peter: Living as Sojourners in a Strange Land

Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Read together as a group the text we looked at Sunday. 1 Peter 1:1-2

We're starting a journey through a letter written by a man named Peter to the church. Letter's are personal! Think back to a letter that made an impact in your life or one that you wrote that was really important!

Your spiritual maturity will leave marks on other people. When you think about maturity what comes to mind? Who is a mature person that has made an impact in your life? Why?

We are walking through a letter written by Peter. What do you know about Peter and what are some ways Peter showed how much he trusted Jesus?

Peter wrote this letter to bridge the gap between Jew and Gentile...the insider to God's ways and the outsiders! In Christ all our labels go away. Why is it so important that we drop our labels when we come together as a church?

The people that Peter is writing to made 2 assumptions...

1. That maturity would come easily.
2. Following Jesus would not come with suffering.

Have you ever made these assumptions and why are they so dangerous?

Unmet expectations and suffering and either drive us toward faith in God or distance from God. Which one do you tend to drift toward in hard times?

Peter talked about the "elect exiles." Peter is writing to people God has chosen! Have you ever thought about the reality that God has chosen you to walk through this time in your life? (suggested verse 1 John 4:19 ESV)

Because we are "exiled" we live in a land that is not our home. We tend to forget that God is working in ways we may not see. Talk about a time where everything looked like God has abandoned you but He was working behind the scenes for your good.