



Holy Trinity
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St Andrew's
Community Church

Homegroup Discussion Questions Sermon Series: Aliens in This World Sunday 20th October: Living in Hope 1 Peter 1:1-12

Pray

1. Share with each other one or two things which have stuck with you from Sunday's sermon. Chew them over together a bit.
2. Verses 1-2 speak about Christians being both elect and exiles. Why would Peter want to remind the original hearers that God had chosen them? What comfort does it bring us today?
3. Take time to enjoy meditating on and discussing the things we have been given (see verses 3-5). What excites or encourages you the most? Why?
4. Verses 6-8 speak of suffering grief in all kinds of trials. How does Peter seem to think it is possible to rejoice amidst suffering?
5. Share examples of Christians you have known who have known joy amidst suffering. How do they encourage or inspire you?
6. Verses 5 and 9 speak of our salvation in both a present and future tense. In what sense are we saved now and in what sense will be saved in the future?
[it may be helpful to remind people that through faith in the blood of Jesus we *have been* saved from the consequences of sin; we *are being* saved from the power of sin (as the Spirit sanctifies us) and we *will be* saved from the presence of sin in the new creation. This is not all there is to say about our salvation, but it does help us understand some of the language in these sorts of verses].
7. Verses 10-12 indicate that the Spirit of Christ inspired the Old Testament authors. What particular things were important for us to know about Jesus (according to v.11)? [you may want to reflect on why those particular things are relevant for suffering Christians to remember].
8. The final sentence of v.12 reminds us of the privileged position we are in, as God has shared important bits of his plans with us (things beyond the angels!). As you conclude, perhaps share one thing you are grateful for in these verses and spend time giving thanks to God.

You may also want to spend time praying for the persecuted church – that they may endure and rejoice – ; and for one another especially in our suffering.

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