



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | **SERIES: STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND**
TITLE: HOPE IN HARD TIMES
SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 1

One Thing Follow-up:

In light of the hope we have in Christ, our lives should be saturated with gratitude! It is the exclamation point to our salvation story!

Q. What are you grateful for from last week?

Opening

As Christians, our values and priorities often run different than the culture. We may feel like strangers in a strange land. Ultimately, we know our citizenship is in heaven. How do we live as people “in the world, but not of the world”?

Series Review

We are beginning our "Strangers in a Strange Land" series. We will examine 1 Peter. This book was written by the Apostle Peter while he was living in Rome, near the end of his life. He wrote to Christians, "living in exile," struggling with the clash of their culture and their faith. In this text, Peter reminds the church that tomorrow's hope gives us light to today's struggles.

Review the Message

Read 1 Peter 1.1-2

Q. What does Peter mean when he discusses being “foreknown” by God? How does this bring you encouragement?

Q Why is important that Peter identifies God as Father?

Read 1 Peter 1. 3-5

Q. If God is our Father and Jesus' Father, what does that say about our relationship with Jesus?

Our Living Hope is much more than wishful thinking; our hope is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus.

Q. Having an inheritance rooted in the resurrection means we belong in the family of God. How does Satan attempt to get us to forget, or not believe, this good news?

We have a secure a salvation in Heaven. Salvation is God's definitive act of making things right.

Q. How can understanding this living hope change the way we see and experience the world around us?

Tomorrow's hope gives light to today's struggles.

Q. How is the resurrection proof of our adoption?

Read 1 Peter 1.6-9

Q. How can our struggles lead us into a deeper relationship with God?

Q Can you think of, or share, a time when you been refined by a struggle?

Read 1 Peter 1.10-12

Q. Peter reminds the church that we are part of God's great plan of redemption. How are we blessed to live this side of the cross?

We may be strangers in a strange land, but tomorrow's hope gives light to today's struggles.

Living It Out Application

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

Prayer:

Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?