



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | **SERIES: STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND**
TITLE: HOPE THAT GUIDES
SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 1.22-2.4

One Thing Follow-up:

As strangers in a strange land, we need to learn how to be Christians in the world.

1. Roll your sleeves up and set your mind on hope.
2. Mold your life around the character of God.
3. Live with a holy reverence of God.

Opening

Q. Did you take steps this week from the ones above?

Series Review

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”?

Review the Message

We are continuing our "Strangers in a Strange Land" series. We will be reading from 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. This text will align us to the hope we have in Christ.

Read 1 Peter 1.23-25

Q. How do these verses change our perspective about the issues we face?

Read 2 Corinthians 4.17-18

Q. Why is it important to use eternity as an anchor as we deal with the struggles we face daily?

The sermon offered three steps from Peter's letter:

Step One: Love One Another. Read 1 Peter 1.22

Q. What does it mean to love one another?

Q. Why does Scripture make a such a big deal about loving the church?

Q. What has been your favorite memory of being a part of God's community? Why is being a part of this community so important?

Q. Why is it important for the church to function as God's embassy?

We can't change yesterday, but we can choose love today.

Step Two: Get Rid of It! 1 Peter 2.1

Q. Name something that you know now that you didn't know when you first became a Christian. How has that knowledge changed your behavior?

It's easy to figure out what makes up holiness. It's all the ways we hope God will treat us.

Q. Why are these sins the ones that Peter puts on the list?

Q. How do these sins destroy the local church?

Step Three: Crave the Word. Read 1 Peter 2.2

Q. What does Peter mean when he says we should crave the word? Read v. 25

Q. Can you explain how the gospel has recalibrated your thoughts about both circumstances and others?

**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?

Prayer:

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