



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | SERIES: STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND
TITLE: HOPE IS INVOLVED
SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 3.8-12

One Thing Follow-up:

Jesus crosses gender and race lines and treats people with dignity like they were valuable simply because they are made in the image of God. His followers do the same.

Q. Why is this truth important and relevant now?

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 continuing our "Strangers in a Strange Land" series. We are examining the book of 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 will challenge us to see how we have hope and a church.

Review the Message

The Church is a gift-you need the church and the church needs you.

Read 1 Peter 3.8

Q. How have you been changed by the power of God?

Q. Do you believe that the Church is like-minded? How? How not? What about Thrive?

Q. Is it easy or hard for you to be sympathetic? Compassionate? Humble?

Often, we don't think of the church as a gift. We think the church is “where we get fed” rather than being part of something wonderful.

Q. Can you live the Christian life without the church?

Q. The church is designed to be a diverse community. Why is this so difficult?

Read 1 Peter 3:9

Q. How hard is this verse for us to act out? During issues? During persecution? During situations that seem unfair?

Dan shared 2 ways that make it possible for us to follow this verse:

1. Overwhelming grace and the example of Jesus
2. The Church that stands with us

We need the church and we could be the answer to someone's prayer.

Read 1 Peter 3:12

Q. How are these words comforting?

God leads the way in everything that he's told us to do.

**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:

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