



# THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | **SERIES: STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND**

**TITLE: HOPE REBOUNDS**

**SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 4:1-6**

## **One Thing Follow-up:**

**Don't give up or give in; Christ is our goal and our example.**

Q. What goes through your mind when you read this statement?

## **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. . This week we will see Peter explain how hope rebounds.

## **Review the Message**

**Peter is talking to Christians that are having a hard time separating the human culture around them from their new view of God.**

**Read 1 Peter 4:1-2**

Q. How do you prepare yourself for battle?

Q. Do you feel like you are finished with sin?

Q. If everyone suffers from sin, what makes Christians different?

Q. What does it mean to arm yourself with the same mindset as Jesus?

**Read 1 Peter 4:3-4**

Q. Share a time when you abstained from something that turned heads?

**If you are going to be a part of what God is doing in the world, if you are going to stay on the team, there are certain things you got to do.**

Q. Name some things that you do to have a closer relationship with God?

Q. When listening to a sermon have you ever said to yourself "I wish so and so was here to listen to this"?

Q. Have you gotten distracted and lost sight of God? How does this happen?

**It's about glorifying God with all you do. We better have a clear view of who Jesus is, and who God is.**

Q. How have you witnessed that culture is against Christians?

**Read 1 Peter 4:5-6**

**Thankfully, we are not judged according to our worst decision, but according to our greatest decision, to follow Jesus.**

Q. How has your decision to follow Jesus changed your life?

Q. Our world is scary, but what truth is found in John 16:33?

**Peter is warning his readers that difficulty is coming. We can use that difficulty to refine us, or we can use it as an excuse. Which do you choose?**

**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?