



THRIVE CHURCH

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

TITLE: HOPE UNDER PRESSURE

SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 4:7-11

One Thing Follow-up:

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

Q. How does your view of God affect your view of culture?

Opening

As Christians, our values and priorities often run counter to 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. Peter is now going to talk to us about hope in pressure.

Review the Message

The pressure is real. We should be thankful for Jesus. We need hope in the pressure cooker.

Read 1 Peter 4.7

Q. Biblically speaking, when did the end times begin (see James 5.1-3; Jude 17-19; Acts 2.14-24)?

Q. What hope do you find in knowing the outcome is already planned by God?

Because we aren't guaranteed tomorrow, we better think straight today.

Q. What does it mean for a Christian to be alert and sober-minded?

Q. How can you remain sober-minded?

If the church is to have a voice today, we better be alert and sober-minded. More than a vaccine, the world needs the gospel.

Q. How can your being sober-minded change the way you pray?

Q. If we know and believe how the story ends, then what should be doing with that knowledge and belief?

Read 1 Peter 4.8-9

Q. In the church, what does it mean that love covers a multitude of sins?

Q. How have you seen this happen, or not happen?

Q. How do you show hospitality during times such as these?

Where Christian love is real, intense, and consistent, the church thrives.

Read 1 Peter 4.0-11

Q. What does it mean to be “good stewards of the varied grace of God”?

Q. How can we serve so that Jesus Christ is glorified in everything?

Let’s employ the gifts God gives on the places we live, work, and play for the Kingdom.

Living It Out Application

In the middle of a pressure-filled world, the gospel shines like a diamond.

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?