

Suggested Discussion Questions for 9/26/2021

Strategies for Living in a Foreign Land

1 Peter 2:11-12

1. Share a time when you were in a foreign land. What things about the culture reminded you that you were a stranger?
2. Read Passage: 1 Peter 2:11-12. Peter says that we are aliens and strangers—foreigners here. And this is based in part on his description of us in verses 9-10. (Review 2:9-10) How might living up to this description cause a Christian to be alienated from the world?
3. When we have a sinful desire, it often seems that fulfilling the desire will do us some kind of good. What does Peter say that those desires are really doing (2:11)? What does that mean?
4. How would remembering your new identity as alien and a stranger help you to abstain from sinful desires?
5. In verse 12 Peter urges us to live good lives, and he will define that in the sections that follow. What are some provisions that God has given us that make it possible for us to live good lives? See Psalm 119:105; Psalm 119:9-11; John 15:5.
6. What are some *personal* benefits to us as we live good lives? What does Peter say is a benefit to non-believers (v.12b)? What do you think he means?
7. What are some ways that you as an individual can live your life in a way that causes others to see God's character?
8. What might be some practical ways that we as a local church can live this way in the community?
9. What are some things you look forward to, as you anticipate "going home" to your new eternal home?