

LIFEgroups

Open

Go around and let everyone share.

When was the first time you remember really feeling a part of something?

DIG

What was it about that situation that helped you feel so accepted?

Read: 1 Peter 1-2

Peter addresses those who belong to the Way as "exiles" scattered throughout the world.

How are we like strangers or immigrants in this world?

How does this status affect our connection with each other?

Read: 1 Peter 3-9

Peter reminds us that even though we may have had to suffer in this land, we have an inheritance at the future coming of our salvation. Peter wants us to keep this perspective in mind as deal with the opposition in this world.

Why is it important to our perspective to be a committed part of our Church family?

How does our commitment benefit both our church and our own faith?

How is being committed to our church family, different from other organizations we have commitments to?

APPLY

Consider one way you can deepen your commitment to your Church family.

What is that way and what is one thing that is trying to hold you back?

Close with a time of prayer.

Leader Notes

About This Guide

This is the first in a six part series on the 1 Peter entitled "Apart from the World for the Sake of the World." It will focus on our call to be a loving and holy community, different from the world.

Big Idea

This discussion focuses on our need to commit to the body of Christ, the church, as an alternate community here in the world. We are to be like a community of immigrants living among the dominant culture

Reaching Out

Our LIFE Groups are a great place to pour out the love we share into the lives of others. We can't keep this love and community to ourselves. Who do you know that might benefit from being part of your group? Share those names, pray for them, and ask God to give you the courage to talk to them about visiting your group.