

Series: Stranger in a Strange Land

Sermon: An Exile's Identity

Primary text: Daniel 1:1-7

Discussion Guide:

- Read 1 Peter 2:9-11, Hebrews 11:13-16 and Matthew 6:18-21.
 - What do these verses say about Christians and their relationship with this world?
 - How does seeing yourself as not from this world affect your life?
- Read Daniel 1:1-7.
 - What is the significance of Judah being defeated?
 - How does Daniel suggest that this happened?
 - Why did Judah get defeated? (see Jeremiah 22:3-9)
 - Does Judah's defeat mean God is not real or weak? Explain?
 - What are some worldly defeats or suffering that cause us to question God?
 - Has God told us these things would happen? where?
 - What should this mean to us?
 - What is the significance of Babylon changing their names from Hebrew names to Babylonian names?
 - How does the world try to change our identity?
 - Read Genesis 11:4 and Genesis 12:2 - what is the difference between how each obtains their name?
 - How do we allow the world to inform our identity?
 - How do we allow God to inform our identity?