

Thriving as Exiles
Blessed to Be a Blessing

Today: 1 Peter 3:8-12

Looking back

Aliens and exiles

Abraham Genesis 12:1-3

David Psalm 34

Jesus Luke 6:27-36; Matthew 5:11-12

Being a blessing within a hostile culture

1 Peter 3:8-12

Looking at the word we love to hate;

“ _____ ”

We are called to be a _____

What the “ _____ ” looks like

The big question

Will we _____ ?

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Next week: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Growth Group Questions

1. What stood out from John's message on Sunday?
2. In verse 8 of the NASB it says "To sum up..." what is the author summing up in this passage?
3. We see in this passage that the focus seems to be on how we respond to all things in life. The call is to repay evil with blessing. What impact would it have on our culture if we focused on repaying evil with blessing?
4. What feelings rise up in you when someone who has wronged you prospers? What impact would our response to that situation have on us and others around us?
5. Read Romans 12 In verse 19 it says "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord." We see Peter talking about our response and our heart. How can we lean into this principle without hanging on and waiting for the other person to be punished by God?
6. This passage references Psalm 34:12-16 and talks about how we are to speak and use our tongue. How does the call to keep our tongue from evil speech connect with the call to respond to evil with blessing? How might this apply to the speech of others that we hear and delight in? Consider ways that you may delight in the "sharp-tongued sarcasm" of others and how that might affect your own heart.
7. Group exercise. Take a moment to speak a blessing over each other.