



Clearwater Community Church

The **THREAD**

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

Discussion Questions:

Date: June 10, 2018

Passage: 1 Peter 1:1–2

Theme: Believers, who are you?

Letter Background

- Sender: Peter
- Recipients: Believers, potentially foreigners, dispersed in a distant land
- Destination: Regions of Asia Minor
- Purpose: To encourage and exhort suffering believers, who are finding their new identity in Christ places them at ever-increasing odds with society

Believer: Who Are You?

1. Foreigners, dispersed in a foreign land
2. Chosen by God
 - a. According to God's foreknown plan and purposes
 - b. By the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit
 - c. For new covenant relationship through Jesus's sacrifice

Main Idea: We must see that membership in God's community makes us foreigners in our societal community.

1. What things can you recall about Peter from the Gospels and Acts? How may these details help you as you read through this letter that he wrote to Christians struggling with pressures from a society that stands opposed to them and what they believe?
2. When you think of foreigners residing in our land, what thoughts come to mind for you? What may they be thinking and struggling with? How does this help with your view of yourself as a foreigner (Christian) in a strange land?
3. How does it make you feel when someone remembers you and does something special specifically for you? How can this relate to what God has done for us by choosing us?
4. Discuss how God has specially chosen you according to verse 2.
5. What may we as Christians struggle with as we live in the tension of being members of God's family but foreigners within our present society?

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