

# ENDURE

## A STUDY IN FIRST PETER



## 1 Peter 1:1-2

### Based on last week's Practice

1. Were there any moments this week that caused you to realize that this world is not your home?
2. How did this realization change the way you see your everyday life?

### Overview

When have you felt left out or excluded from something? Maybe from a group of friends or a planned event. How did you respond to being left out? What emotions did it spark in you?

No one likes rejection. It's never comfortable feeling like an outsider, but it might surprise you to know that it's part of our identity as Christians in this world. That's one of the main themes of 1 Peter- exile. In Christ, we have become citizens of heaven and our hope no longer lies in our lives today, but in the second coming of our Savior.

### Scripture

1 Peter 1:1-2, Psalm 13:1-2

### Discussion Questions

Consider the key phrases that we discussed this weekend. How do each of these give you hope and confidence in your identity as a child of God?

**1 Peter 1: 2** "...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father."

Think of this,

- That God placed His love on you before the foundations of the world were set into place.
- You have a Father who knows you and knows everything about you.

**1 Peter 1:2** "...in the sanctification of the Spirit."

Discuss this together...

- The power of sin has been broken,
- but the presence of sin still remains.

**1 Peter 1:2** "...for obedience to Christ Jesus."

We have been called to a radical new way of living.

Obedience to Jesus

- Practicing the way of Jesus
- Apprentice of Jesus
- You've been called to submit everything you are and everything you do to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 1:2** "...and for the sprinkling with His blood:"

An image of cleansing and forgiveness

- By the shed blood of Jesus,
- We stand before God as righteous.
- Yet because of the presence of sin,
- We are people who are in daily need of forgiveness

## Application

Do you live like you believe this?  
Do you live like this is really your identity?

Does this identity give you rest as you lie down to sleep?

Read this and finish your time by discussion it together:

"My Father knows. His transforming grace is in my life. He will not relent until He's completed His job. I am blessed by daily forgiveness and cleansing. My world is disordered, but I have security. I am a child of God."

- May you never forget who you are!
- May you never seek for security in places where it can't be found.
- May you rest in the grace that you have been given.
- And may that give you peace.