

Reflecting on 1 Peter 1:1-2: Living as Elect Exiles

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Introduction: This week, we focus on the unique name that Peter gives his audience: *elect exiles*. We consider the following three questions in our study:

- What is an elect exile?
- How does one become an elect exile?
- How do we live our lives as elect exiles?

Our **Big Idea** for this week is: *God chooses us out of this world, to live in this world temporarily, as citizens of a different world.*

Discussion Starters:

1. Imagine someone you know reads the book of 1 Peter and then asks you, “What is an elect exile?” How would you explain this designation?

2. 1 Peter 1:2 makes clear that God is sovereign over the entire process of salvation (choosing believers as “elect”). However, it also affirms that God is sovereign over our position in the world (as “exiles”). Why is God’s sovereignty over our circumstances sometimes difficult to accept?

3. How might your life look different if you were to accept fully God’s sovereignty over all of your circumstances (good and bad)?

4. Describe the value system of “elect exiles.” What is important to them? What is not important to them?

5. Use the following verses to describe the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation and sanctification:

- **John 14:15-17, 25-27**
- **John 15:26-27; 16:7-15**
- **Romans 8:1-17 (esp. 12-17)**
- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
- **Galatians 5:22-23**

6. Based on this message, what is one way you hope to live out the principles of an “elect exile” this week?