

# ALIEN LIFE

1 PETER

## **SERIES OVERVIEW**

*"If we find in ourselves a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, then it must be that we were made for a different world."* -C.S. Lewis

Have you ever found life difficult, or this world to be a challenging place to live and belong? 1 Peter encourages us to take hold of the hope and power that we have because of Jesus. Keep going, home is closer than you think.

## **MAIN TEXT**

1 Peter 4:1-14, 1 Thessalonians 5:22

## **GETTING STARTED**

Which of these super heroes has the best secret identity?

- a) Superman / Clark Kent
- b) Batman / Bruce Wayne
- c) Spiderman / Peter Parker
- d) Captain America / Darrel Land

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Read 1 Peter 4:1-3. Are you ever casual about sin? Why does this happen? How does the way Jesus suffered for your sins change your view of sin?
2. Grace and transformation always go together. What happens when we try to separate the two?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:4-5. When you begin following Jesus, things in your life begin to change. You leave old sins behind. How have you seen this difference in your own life? How did people around you react to this change?
4. Read 1 Peter 4:7. How often do you consider the end of life here on earth? What things make you think about this? It's not fun to think about, but how is this sometimes helpful for how we live our lives daily?

5. Read 1 Peter 4:8. Love each other deeply. This is how Jesus loved us. Who do you know that has modeled this well and shown you this kind of love?
6. Read 1 Peter 4:9. What resources do you have to bless others in need? Who can you bless in the next week?
7. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. Discuss the gifts each of you has in this group. How have you used those to serve others? When have you missed opportunities to use them? How can you avoid missing opportunities in the future?

## **NEXT STEPS**

Read 1 Peter 4:12-14. "Don't be surprised at the fiery trials... Instead be very glad." What are the fiery trials we face in our culture because of our faith. How can we embrace them and be glad? Pray for you group that you could live boldly and differently this week in a culture that desperately needs different people.

Spend time reading and praying over each of these scriptures and allow God to use them to direct you and encourage you as you live as temporary residents here.

## **DAILY READING**

- 1 Peter 4:1-3 (Arm Yourselves)
- 1 Peter 4:4-6 (New Life)
- 1 Peter 4:7-9 (Love Deeply)
- 1 Peter 4:10-11 (Useful Gifts)
- 1 Peter 4:12-19 (Suffering Joyfully)

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