



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022 | THE FOREIGNERS: HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

WARM-UP QUESTION

Are you a person who likes to watch movie previews, or do you prefer to skip to the main event?

DISCUSS

Sunday's message walked through eight defining qualities that set followers of Jesus (or "exiles") apart. This week's discussion will focus on these qualities.

Note to leaders: *It may take longer than your allotted time to walk through all eight in detail. Feel free to spend more time on certain sections than others as needed.*

1. Exiles search for peace and work to maintain it.

- Have someone read 1 Peter 3:10-11 out loud.
- Share what challenges you from these verses. Are you living in a way that searches for peace and works to maintain it? What could you do to live that way?

2. Exiles worship as a response to worry.

- Read 1 Peter 3:13-15a (ending after the first sentence of verse 15).
- What stands out to you in these verses? What is usually your first response to worry? How could you shift to worship instead?

3. Exiles are always ready to share their story.

- Read 1 Peter 3:15-16.
- How often do you share your story with others? Is there anything in these verses that encourages or challenges you? Explain.

4. Exiles are "all in."

- Read 1 Peter 3:18-21.
- One way to be "all in" is through baptism, but beyond baptism we're called to be "all in" in how we live out our faith. How "all in" would you say you are when it comes to following Jesus? Is there anything keeping you from being "all in"? Explain.

5. Exiles are ready to endure.

- Read 1 Peter 3:22-4:2.
- What is your usual approach to suffering? Do you try to avoid it, or do you embrace it as an opportunity to endure? Share an example that comes to mind.

6. Exiles are earnest in prayer, quick to love, and are cheerfully generous.

- Read 1 Peter 4:7-9.
- Of these three qualities, which one comes most naturally to you? Which is hardest?

7. Exiles use their gifts for the good of others and the glory of God.

- Read 1 Peter 4:10-11.
- What do you think are some of your gifts or talents? How are you using them (or could you use them) for the good of others and the glory of God?

8. Exiles never give up!

- Read 1 Peter 4:12-19.
- What stands out to you in these verses? How do they inspire or challenge you personally to never give up?

RESPOND

- Reflect back on all eight qualities, and ask God to show you one thing He wants you to do in response this week. Share with your group what you'll do and when you'll do it.
- Close your time in prayer, asking for faith and courage to live as an exile who makes a difference in this foreign land.

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