

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

What can followers of Jesus do to lovingly help people far from God change their mind about Jesus?

GETTING STARTED

1. If you were exiled to an isolated place, what three items would you want with you and why?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read 1 Peter 1:1-4. List and discuss what the exiled believers had in common, even hundreds of miles and cultures apart. What comparisons can you make today?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7. As a group, think and speak out a definition of joy and then define suffering. How can we find joy in suffering for our faith in Jesus?
4. Read Hebrews 11:32-40. Do Christians go through suffering like this today? Why or why not?
5. Read Romans 5:1-5. How do we have access to God (vs. 1-2)? Talk about the progression of how we can hold onto real hope. From your experiences, share how you have seen this progression take root in you?
6. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12 & Matthew 5:13-16. What similarities do you see in the two passages? Discuss some ways you currently glorify the Lord with your life. Are there risks?
7. Read 1 Peter 2:16. What does it mean to 'not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil'?

NEXT STEPS

Challenge: Read the book of 1 Peter this week. Choose one verse to memorize and share it with someone.