

1 Peter 1:1-12 Called to be Aliens

Share something that you looked forward to with great excitement?

Read 1 Peter 1:1-6

1. Peter describes his readers as "Strangers in the world, Scattered" - In what sense are all Christians out of place in this world?
2. Read 1 Peter 5:12-14 - What do these verses tell us about the purpose of the letter?
3. Is being "born again" (v 3) something you do or something that is done to you? How does this relate to the description of Peter's readers back in verse 2?
4. What encouraging facts does Peter remind his readers of in verse 3-6?
5. What truths mean we can know that this really is our future? That it is secure and certain?

Read 1 Peter 1:6-12

6. Why do you think Peter might need to remind his readers of their heavenly Inheritance?
7. How does God use suffering in our lives?

8. The original readers couldn't see Jesus. Instead they saw their suffering. How does Peter encourage them?

9. We are living after Jesus died, rose again, and went to heaven in glory. Why are we in a privileged position? (v 10-12)

Think

1. In the light of this passage, How should we encourage Christians who are suffering trials and griefs? What promises can we offer them and what promises can't we offer them?
2. How should the teaching of this passage affect our evangelism and outreach?
3. How would forgetting our future Hope affect a person's attitude to suffering now?

Pray for Holiday Kids Club preparations happening at present, Pray for elderly believers in our nursing homes.