



The Kingdom of God 11/3/2024 | Living as Exiles

Reflect + Discuss

- Have you ever lived in a foreign country or been in a situation where you felt like you were an outsider? What was that experience like for you?
- Read 1 Peter 1:17 and 1 Peter 2:11. How does Peter understand the status of Christ followers?
- Read Genesis 12:1-3. How does the theme of being strangers, foreigners, and exiles appear in these verses?
- How does identifying as an "exile" in your country affect how you see your role as a follower of Jesus? What challenges do you face in balancing your identity as a Christian with your identity as a citizen of your country?
- Have you ever felt like an "outsider" or "exile" because of your faith? How did you respond to that experience? What encouragement would you offer others who feel the same?
- Have you ever found yourself compartmentalizing your faith? What steps can you take to live a more integrated life as a Christian in all areas? How can we engage with the world while remaining set apart?
- Read Jeremiah 29:7. How can we seek the peace and prosperity of the city or country we live in, even when we feel out of place? How can we find hope and deepen our understanding of being a community in exile? What are some practical ways we can reveal Jesus to others by the way we live?

Pray

Pray that God will help us to become people who place their full allegiance in Jesus and that we may keep our ultimate focus on the Kingdom of God. Pray that we may grow in living a fully integrated life with our faith. Pray for the United States as it selects its new leaders and that God's will would be done on Earth as it is in heaven. As we continue to reflect on this passage, pray that God will lead us towards transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Next Steps

Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).