

LIVING AS EXILES

A SERIES IN 1ST PETER

MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 – GOOD NEWS FOR EXILES

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

1 Peter 1:1-12

GOOD NEWS IN THE MIDST OF EXILE

- Exiles may be unknown and unloved by the world but they are known and dearly loved by their heavenly Father
- God's power protects those who possess genuine faith
- An eternal perspective gives hope in the midst of temporal problems, pain, and persecution
- Trials, not prosperity, prove the genuineness of our faith
- We should not trivialize, overstate, or pursue suffering
- Angels long to understand the Good News of Jesus, yet many of us have grown bored and want to move past it as though it is old news

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Why did Peter refer to the recipient of this letter as *exiles*?
2. How is this a fitting title for all believers in Jesus?
3. Why is it important to realize that God Himself secures our salvation?
4. How can this bring certainty in the midst of uncertain circumstances?
5. According to 1 Peter 1:7, what is the purpose of trials?
6. How can trials be more helpful for our faith than prosperity?
7. How can perspective affect your hope and joy?
8. How do you tend to look at suffering?
9. Why do even the angels long to look into God's work through the Gospel? What should this mean for us today?
10. How can today's message make a difference in your life this week?