



WEST HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH

Facilitators' Guide for Community Groups

Strangers and Exiles
1 Peter 1:1-2
September 22

1. Welcome (an ice-breaker discussion to get everyone comfortable with sharing):

Share a highlight of your summer months with one another.

2. Worship (to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion):

Worship songs are available at www.westhighland.org/smallgroupsongs.

3. Word (to consider how the sermon applies to our lives, and to live out the "one anothers"):

Read together: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Sermon Summary

In the sermon, Pastor Jamie explored the rich identity of Christians as "elect exiles," highlighting how this truth should encourage us to persevere through the challenges we face. He then examined the collaboration of the Trinity in our salvation: the foreknowledge of God the Father, the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, and our call to obedience to Jesus Christ.

Sermon Questions

In what ways do you feel like a "stranger and exile" in the world today?

- Peter calls Christians "elect exiles." How does knowing that God has specifically chosen you affect the way you see yourself and live your life?
- In what areas of your life do you struggle to remember your identity as one of God's chosen people?
- What situations are you currently facing that God may be using for your sanctification?
- How can our community group better support one another in the challenges and sufferings we are going through?

4. Witness (joining Jesus in his mission):

On Sunday we re-introduced the "Who's your one?" campaign. We gave each person in the auditorium a bookmark. On the one side, we want you to ask God for one name that you can B.L.E.S.S. over the next 12 months. Break into groups of 2 or 3 and share who your one is this September. If you don't have a person in mind, that's OK. Spend some time praying that God would give you a name.

Spend some time in prayer for the people you are trying to B.L.E.S.S. over the next year.