

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon Series: *Steady Sojourners*

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-12

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Salvation from God steadies our living as we sojourn through life.

That could arguably be the Big Idea for the whole letter of 1 Peter, with each subsequent section and sermon expanding on each ingredient. To those who are “elect exiles” Peter begins. To believers who are not yet home and who experience various trials in this temporary residence – remember who God is, remember who God has made you to be, and remember what that means for where you are headed (our living hope). If you grasp these truths, believe these truths, cherish and rejoice in these truths – they will radically shape your life here and now, especially and particularly as you endure various trials. Christians suffer, but we suffer differently, and the way in which we live and suffer by faith, as **Steady Sojourners**, heralds the truth of who God is and serves as His invitation to the world to receive His living hope.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. We are forgetful people. When was the last time you, perhaps embarrassingly, forgot something important? (Share so your group can laugh.... *with* you)
 - a. Have you developed any special routines to help you remember things?

What does God through Peter want for us to remember?

READ 1 Peter 1:1-5

2. What do these verses teach us about who God is, and why He’s worthy to be praised/blessed?
3. What do these verses teach us about who God has made us to be and the benefits that come with our new identity?
4. What does it mean to be an “elect exile” and why is that an important identity marker?
5. What do we learn about **hope** in these verses?

READ 1 Peter 1:6-9

6. In what way are the great truths of verses 1-5 (who God and who He has made us to be) brought to immediate significance in verses 6-9?
 - a. How have you seen trials and suffering in your life lead you to doubt those truths?
 - i. Any right now? Why?
7. What do we learn about trials in these verses?
 - a. What kinds of trials does Peter have in mind? (cf. 2:12, 19-20; 22-23; 3:14; 16-17; 4:4, 12-16)
 - b. Back to 1:6-9 - Are these trials accidental or ordained, useless or purposeful, random or intentional? Are trials evidence of God’s love or displeasure?
 - c. What makes it difficult for you to believe this?
8. Discuss the relationship between rejoicing and grieving in these verses.
 - a. How do these play out in your life? How do these two relate to our identity as “elect exiles?”

READ 1 Peter 1:10-12

9. How do these verses add to Peter’s argument and persuasion to rejoice in in the midst of trials?