

### Questions for Personal and Group Reflection:

1. What stood out to you about the message? What did you learn that helped you understand the passage better?
2. In what ways is our situation today similar to the Jews in exile or the Christians in Asia minor to whom Peter was writing? In what ways is it different?
3. What is your reaction when you hear that the Church is the elect “people of God?” What does that mean for individual believers?
4. What’s the difference between finding our (group) identity in Christ rather than in what we’re against?
5. How might suffering for our faith stretch or refine us? Have you ever suffered for your faith? How did you respond?
6. What are some ways we can live as a “faithful presence” in our world?
7. In what ways should the confidence in our future (through the Resurrection of Christ) inform how we live today?
8. How can you “live in light of the Resurrection” in your own situation?



## Hope for Exiles

### Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-12

#### Context:

- In the early 50s AD, \_\_\_\_\_ were expelled from Rome.
- He sent them to cities in \_\_\_\_\_.
- They were often subject to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter wanted to build their \_\_\_\_\_ with two words. (vs 1)

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

- God chose \_\_\_\_\_ and his descendants to bless all the nations of the world. (Gen 12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the blessing.
- Jesus formed the \_\_\_\_\_ as the reconstituted, multi-ethnic, multi-national people of God. (1 Peter 2:9)

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

- In 586 BC, Israel was brought into exile in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Peter was bringing to mind \_\_\_\_\_.

**Vs 2** – see Exodus 24:7-8

**Vs 3** – Key Words

- \_\_\_\_\_
- New \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Living \_\_\_\_\_

What gives them hope? The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Their confidence in their \_\_\_\_\_ should change how they live in the present.

**Vs 6** – they need encouragement because they are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Vs 7** – Does God give or receive praise? \_\_\_\_\_

**Application:**

1. **Own your identity as the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - We're not chosen because of our \_\_\_\_\_, but because of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Being his people isn't just a \_\_\_\_\_, it's also a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We are bound together by our common identity is Christ, rather than who we are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **We may (will?) have to endure \_\_\_\_\_.**

3. **We are called to be people who live in light of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Christians should be the most \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ people on the face of the earth.