

# Virtual Small Group Discussion



## 1 Peter Background and Context

### Getting Started:

- When you come back home after a long trip (remember trips? From the before times?), we often say “Home sweet home.” What are we really saying with that old cliché?
- Have you ever had the experience of being home, yet for some reason you felt like an outsider, unwelcome, or uncertain?

### From the Teaching this Morning:

- When 1 Peter was written (around 63AD), what were the conditions of life surrounding the believing communities he was addressing?
- What are the conditions of life around us today in which this beautiful letter once again becomes good news?
- All of us have a desire to be accepted and liked, at least to some extent. That can create a fear of being seen as too “different.” For many, that fear results in allowing our behavior and mind-set to be shaped more by those whose acceptance we desire than what would represent Christ to others. What might have been some of the pressures experienced by the strangers in society at the time of 1 Peter?
- How can we at RBC let those in our communities who feel like strangers and aliens know that they may have a home with us in the family of God?
- How are Christians in the United States (and around the world) currently experiencing suffering?

### Static Questions

#### • WHAT IS THE BOOK ABOUT?

- How does the context of the first century help our understanding of this book?
- What themes did Sten-Erik say would be present in the text?

#### • WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

- What does the book reveal about God? About people?
- Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
- What is the main truth of the book?
- What lessons do you see?

#### • HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?

- How does this book relate to your life right now?
- What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this text?
- How should you respond based on what you learned?