

Virtual Small Group Discussion

1 Peter 1.1–2

Whose Are You?



Getting Started

- Share an experience you've had either starting at a new school or a new job where you felt as though you didn't fit in.

Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main *Facts* of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
 - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
 - What is the main truth of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

From the Teaching this Morning

- **ELECT**
 - In First Peter, we see “elect” used to speak of the creation of a people rather than the calling of an individual. Look at the below passages and discuss what it means to be chosen, or elect?
 - *You did not choose me, but I **chose** you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.* John 15:16
 - *The God of this people Israel **chose** our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.* Acts 13:17
 - *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he **predestined** he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.* Romans 8:28–30

- *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he **chose** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he **predestined** us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, Ephesians 1:3–5*
- *But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God **chose** you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 2:13–14*

If possible, watch the Exile video from the Bible Project (will be shared both on Facebook and [RBCDallas.org/livestream](https://www.rbcdallas.org/livestream) after the service)

- **EXILES**

- If you were able to watch the above video, how can you identify with the concept of being an “exile?” What were the circumstances?
- How might our understanding of this concept change the way we see the marginalized right here in DFW?

- **FOREKNOWLEDGE**

- Considering that nothing surprises God, and that He chose us in the mists of eternity past, how does that help us view our present circumstances with COVID-19 and quarantine?

- **FATHER/SON/HOLY SPIRIT**

- How do you see the Trinity working in this passage? What role does each member play in our salvation?

Application and Thoughts for Further Reflection

As we go through this study of First Peter we will learn about the responsibilities Christians have in regards to work, marriage, church, and even politics. Before he addresses any of those topics he makes sure his audience (the exiles—that’s us too) understand their identity in the family of God.

Why might this be important for us to remember each step of the way as we continue our study through First Peter?

How does this foundational truth impact every other aspect of life—including work, marriage, church, and politics?

