



# PETER

*THE DISCIPLE MAKER*

**Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week Six**

## **This Week's Memory Verse**

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people for his own possession,  
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you  
out of darkness into his marvelous light.

- 1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

## Week Six, Day Two

### Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:11-12

### Devotional Reading

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the word sojourn as, “to stay as a temporary resident.”

Today we will ponder together our sojourner status as believers in our current day. We are presented with clear actions for us to take during this transient time with the end result of bringing God glory.

Peter doesn't sugarcoat it. This isn't our true home. We, as believers, are sojourners and exiles in this world. Paul reminds us of the same reality in Philippians 3:20, “But our citizenship is in heaven...”

Just as the Jewish people spent hundreds of years as exiles far from their country, so we, too, as believers on earth, live as sojourners away from our ultimate home in heaven.

Peter then pleads with us temporary residents. Notice the verb, “beg.” This is important! Listen up, fellow exiles! He urges believers to abstain from the passions of the flesh because they wage war against the soul. Holding onto sinful desires brings deathly spiritual harm to our souls and competes with God's rightful place in our affections. Then, Peter encourages us to keep our conduct among the gentiles (meaning non-believers in this context) honorable, so that they may see our good deeds and ultimately glorify God.

May we be inspired by the fact that heaven is our home. May we not give into the lusts of the flesh that take our focus off of the only one who truly satisfies. And may we live purely and humbly among our neighbors here on earth, that the goodness of God would be revealed through our lives.

### Faith In Action

Search your heart to see what fleshly passions you may be giving into in your life. Be specific. These could be things like, talking behind someone's back at work or being more obedient to your stomach than to God. Ask for God's forgiveness and proclaim his lordship over your soul.

### Today's Prayer

Lord, thank you for our home in heaven! Thank you that you made a way for us to one day experience that glorious home through Jesus Christ. Help me to abstain from the passions of the flesh and live honorably among non-believers, so that I can be spiritually alive and so that non-believers may come to know and glorify you.