

Bible Summary

1 Peter 1:1-2

Exiles

A major theme of Peter is the truth that we are exiles. What does he mean by calling us exiles? The answer lies in the first book of the Bible when Adam and Eve who were perfectly known and loved sinned and were exiled from Eden and the presence of God. The good news is Jesus broke down the walls that separate us from our Father and each other.

Scriptures --1 Peter 1:1-2, 2:4,11, 5:13; Genesis 3:7-21; Ezekiel 16; Hosea 3; Colossians 3:3

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.
There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. What was something in this week's message that impacted you?
2. Acquisition and entertainment are key ways we numb the reality of being exiles.
 - a. How do they flavor your life?
 - b. Do you have a current strategy to diminish their sway?
3. In Genesis 3 the man and the woman both felt exiled from God and each other.
 - a. What should it mean to us that God sought them both out?
 - b. What does it teach us about God's nature?
4. "In exile, you can either be loved or known, but not both." Discuss.
5. We live in a "cancel culture" that dismisses you when you make a mistake. Why is this so prevalent in a society that values tolerance?
6. In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve felt naked and ashamed.
 - a. How did Christ treat people in their shame?
 - b. Why is it difficult to accept His grace in the face of our shame?
7. "Because of our nakedness we all try to choreograph our lives." What does this mean to you?
8. What kind of "fig leaves" have you been making your life about?

"Getting to Know You" Questions

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
3. What is one thing you are looking forward to?
4. How can we pray for you this week?