

Message Notes | The & Series
Part 3: In the World & Not of the World
1 Peter 2:11-12

→ a family reunion

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you're _____.

→ the culture of Peter's time

→ foreigners and exiles - **vs. 11, 1 Pt 1:1**

→ our homeland - **1 Pt 1:3-4, Philip 3:20**

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→ some cultural currents to be aware of

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→ we have a mission - **vs. 12, Mk 16:15, Mt 5:16, Jn 17**

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1. Think of a time when you had to "read the room" in a new environment (job, school, neighborhood, friend group). Why is that important? What did you learn?

2. We live in a world that doesn't always share our convictions. Where do you most feel that tension right now? What makes that situation challenging?

3. **Read 1 Peter 1:3-4.** How does knowing that your inheritance is heaven change the way you view this world?

4. **Read 1 Peter 2:11.** What does it practically mean to see yourself as a foreigner or exile?

How is that different from being isolated or combative toward the world we live in?

5. The sermon mentioned several cultural currents to be aware of. Which of those cultural messages do you find most dangerous? Why?

6. **Read 1 Peter 2:12.** Peter calls us to live such good lives that others may glorify God. What does that look like in practical, everyday terms?

How can visible goodness open doors for gospel conversations?

7. As you consider the two application questions below, what's one step you could take as you look to be in the world & not of the world?

Where am I blending in instead of standing firm?

Where am I withdrawing instead of engaging?

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Bible Reading for Today

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¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

