

## Sermon Discussion Guide:

# Strangers in a Strange Land

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Scripture: **1 Peter 2:11-12**

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### OVERVIEW

Considering all that is going on around us in this world. Politics, friendships, and earthly family relationships. Some are strained and others joy filled. How are we supposed to treat others in the world? How are we supposed to act? How do we guard ourselves from acting like the world? In 1 Peter 2:11-12 we are told “abstain from the passions of this flesh”. **To glorify God in our fallen world, we must sanctify our private and public lives.** We are to be different from the world. We may be watched, persecuted, or seen as different or not normal. But Jesus was also thought of in all these ways. We may be sojourners in this world, and many in this world may see us as strange. But fear not, because our home is in heaven with our King, Jesus. We are just visiting this world. Our kingdom is not of this world, but in heaven. Sanctify ourselves in our private and public lives.

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### CORROBORATING TEXTS

Romans 1:7; 1 John 3:1-2; Colossians 3:20; John 17:14-19; James 1:13-15; Galatians 5:19-24; Ephesians 2:11-22

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be “beloved”? How does this encourage us as God’s chosen?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. What does it mean to be **sojourners** and **exiles**? Should this change our perspective of our time on this earth?
3. How does our status as “aliens” affect the command to fight the flesh to protect our souls?
4. Considering these verses, should we expect to fit in? Should we be surprised when we are attacked? How can persecution of the saints glorify God?
5. In John 17:14-19; Christ prays for the saints. What truths does Christ share here? How are we to be set apart (sanctified)?
6. We are to sanctify our private and public lives. What are practical ways to guard our private and public lives?
7. We are loved by God and have a relationship with God through His Son—our Savior—Jesus. In light of this and all we have learned from 1 Peter, how can we take our impulse to sin and exchange it for a way to fight sin?