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THIS WORLD IS NOT YOUR HOME. A STUDY OF 1 PETER

DIFFERENT FAITH IN TRIALS – WEEK 1

Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Main Idea:

There's just something about being different that scares us to death. From the time we were kids, being different never turned out well, and from that point forward, we've avoided it at all costs. But what if "different" in the right ways is where your best life is? Doing the same things as everyone else gets us the same life as everyone else. But doing something different gets us a different kind of life.

Key Questions:

1. Read **1 Peter 1:1**. How can you identify as a foreigner, exile, stranger, or sojourner?
2. Why do you think God doesn't miraculously keep you from experiencing any trials?
3. Think of a time when a trial revealed your faith. What kind of faith did it reveal: inherited faith, shallow faith, conditional faith, or genuine faith?
4. Read **James 1:2-3**. Have you ever walked thru a trial, hardship, or painful circumstance that actually made you stronger/better on the other side?
5. Have you experienced a trial that drew you closer to God? What caused you to move closer to God instead of moving away from Him?
6. What trial are you facing right now? How can you begin to trust God with it?

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?