



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2022 | THE FOREIGNERS: HANG TOGETHER

## WARM-UP QUESTION

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

## DISCUSS

- Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's sermon. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read **1 Peter 2** out loud.

*\*Options: Split up the passage between 2-3 people or go around the circle, reading one verse per person.*

- Think about the analogy of a baby in verses 2-3. Why is a newborn baby a helpful analogy to describe the way to grow? Share about a time when you've craved the nourishment that comes from being with God.
- What does Peter suggest is our responsibility as chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, and God's very own possession (verses 9-10)? How do these verses change the way you live, act, or think currently?
- These roles are worded with communal language, meaning being in a relationship with Jesus also means being in relationship with others. What is the importance of community in your personal life?
- Where do you see opportunity to strengthen this type of community within your group? Brainstorm some ways you could do that in the next couple months.
- Reread verses 11-17. Where in your life do you find it difficult to keep away from worldly desires? If you followed these verses, what would it look like for you to live among your unbelieving neighbors? (Share practical examples.)
- How does Jesus' example in doing good, even if it includes suffering, encourage you? Of the ways Jesus lived in verses 22-23, do any of them stand out as opportunities for personal growth in your own life? How can you start preparing your heart right now to live that way?

## RESPOND

- Reflect on what your group just talked about, specifically asking God to show you an action step you need to take this week. Share with each other what He's prompting you to do and when you'll do it.
- Close your group time in prayer, asking God to remind you this week of your identity in Christ. Pray for the nourishment that comes from intentional time spent with God, and commit to honoring Him through your words and actions.

*Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at [tpcc.org/dbr](http://tpcc.org/dbr). Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!*