



April 30 - May 1, 2022

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2
 - a. How does Peter describe himself in this passage?

 - b. How does Peter describe Christians in this passage?

2. Read Jer. 29:4-7
 - a. What is the life context of the intended audience of this letter?

 - b. What is surprising about the command to build a life in this foreign place?

 - c. What sort of cultural engagement does Jeremiah command the people to have?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

3. Read Gal. 5:16-17
 - a. Who are the two parties in this verse?

 - b. What sort of relationship exists between these two parties?

 - c. How is Christian life described in this passage?

APPLY TO OUR STORY

We learned that the Holy Spirit gives us new desires after God chooses us, and those new desires are in conflict with our old fleshly desires.

4. What are some new desires that you have experienced in the Christian life?

5. What are some old desires you still have that bring conflict in your life?

Christian life begins with God choosing and saving sinners, and then setting apart these "elect exiles" so that they can be a blessing to the world they live in.

6. Who would notice/feel the greatest loss if I died today? Who do I bless on a consistent basis?

7. How can I bless someone in my workplace this week?

8. How can I bless someone in my neighborhood this week?

PRAYER

Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups:

Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text?

Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text?

Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?