

Week 1 – Connection Group Questions

Open:

- 1. Share a place you visited that is very different than where you live now (Louisiana Bayou, New York City, Kenya, etc.). What made it so unique?
- 2. Did you feel out of place in that city, location, or country? Why or why not?
- 3. How did it feel to come back home?

Dig:

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10

- 4. Peter describes us as Christ-followers as being a people chosen by God. He also says that each of us make up a "Royal Priesthood" of believers. How would your life change if you were added to a royal family? How would it change if you were called to become a nun or priest?
- 5. Why are God's people instructed to come out of the darkness and into his wonderful light? What does that stark difference look like in our lives?

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12

- 6. What does it mean to think of ourselves as "aliens and strangers" in the world?
- 7. How does abstinence from sinful desires help us to stand out and live differently?

Reflect:

8. Many of us grew up singing these familiar words: "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through, My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue; The angels beckon me from heaven's open door, And I can't feel at home in this world anymore." How true are these words in your life now?

Prayer:

Close in prayer asking God to give us courage to live differently!