

# Evangelism as Exiles #1

 **1 Peter 2:4-10**

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## Review the Passage

- **Read** the passage aloud.
- How does **context** affect the meaning of the passage (other passages or historical contexts)?
- What do you notice about the passage **structurally**?
- What in the passage reveals the the **tone** of the passage?

## DISCUSS

Have you personally experienced pressure against Christianity by legal, political, or cultural means? Share.

Describe the experience of Christ, 1st century Christians, and Christians around the world in their context.

Christ himself?

Disciples through history

Around the world today?

Read two passages:

John 15:18-21

1 Peter 4:12

How are we to think about the trials and persecutions we face?

In 1 Peter 2, Peter wants Christians to remember who they are in Christ.

- How does the way the world see Christians compare with the way God sees Christians in this passage?
- What all does Peter want Christians to remember about our place with God?

What does Peter instruct Christians to do in 1 Peter 2:4-10? What is our purpose?

## APPLICATION DISCUSSION

- In what way might I most directly encounter opposition to the gospel this week?
- Are there any movements, causes, or groups I have given too much attention to rather than the gospel and Christ's church?
- What from the sermon or discussion most encourages and/or challenges you?

## PRAYER GUIDE

- Thank God for the faithfulness of Christ and so many generations of Christians who have gone before us.
- Pray for our church to be faithful to the gospel despite discomfort and costs.
- Spend time praising God for all his goodness and glory.

# GUIDE FOR REVIEWING THE PASSAGE

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## Structure of the Passage

- Beginning and end
- Repeated words or phrases
- Questions and answers
- Conjunctions (for, therefore, so, and, yet, nor, but, etc)
- Progression (greater to smaller, etc).
- Metaphors / similes / word pictures / illustrations
- Quotations from other passages
- Rhetorical questions
- Genre of book or passage (narrative, epistle, song, parable, etc)
- Places, names, historical events, etc

## Tone

Is the author angry, gentle, forceful, sorrowful, excited, thoughtful, etc? How would this text be communicated in person? And how does the tone affect the meaning of the passage?

## Connecting to the Gospel of Jesus

The good news is that God loves sinners and has sent Jesus to die in our place, that he raised Jesus from the dead, and that eternal life is offered to all who trust in Christ for forgiveness of sin. The gospel, like a diamond, has many facets which make up its beauty. Consider how your passage connects to a particular facet of the gospel. Here are a few to consider:

- We are adopted as **sons** (Ephesians 1)
- In Christ we have an **inheritance** (Ephesians 1)
- we are **citizens** in Christ's **kingdom** (Colossians 1)
- we are **saved** from God's **wrath** (Romans 3).
- We are **justified** grace through Jesus' blood (Romans 3).
- We are **regenerated** by **grace** and **mercy** (Titus 3).
- We have the **indwelling spirit** as a guarantee (Ephesians 1)

## The Aim of the Passage

What does the author the passage expect from the audience? To **know** something? To **do** something? And what precisely does he want his audience to know or do?