

1. Have you ever been in a social situation that made you uncomfortable? What about the situation made it as such? What coping strategies helped you navigate? What do you wish you could do over again?

2. Read 1 Peter 1:1–2. What do we know about Peter from the text that gives him authority to write in the way he does? What do we know about him from other New Testament sources that add to our depth of understanding about his message?

3. Who are the elect exiles of the Dispersion? Why does Peter use these particular words to describe his addressees? What does it mean to be elect? What did it literally mean to be an exile of the Dispersion? How can the experience of Peter's audience relate to us today?

4. How does Peter describe the identity of the elect exiles of the Dispersion? Why was this important to state at the beginning of his letter? What role does the Trinity have in granting this identity?

5. What is Peter's desire for the elect as indicated at the end of v2?

6. Take a moment to consider your own station in life. In what ways do you feel settled and thankful? In what ways is your situation not quite right? How does knowing who you are help you to make sense of that which is not quite right? Ask God to help you stand firm in who you are as you wait on the next leg of your journey with Him.