

Sojourners

LIVING AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

1 Peter – Summer 2026

Peter writes to people who don't quite fit into their surroundings...“God's elect, strangers scattered...” (1 Pet. 1:1), ordinary folks learning how to live as citizens of a different kingdom while still walking the streets of this one. They are not powerful, not settled, not in control of their surroundings. Yet they are not lost. They have been given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:3), a hope that doesn't flicker with the latest headlines or fade over time. So, Peter calls them what they are... “foreigners and exiles” (1 Pet. 2:11)...sojourners. People scattered in different context...and on the move. People who don't root their lives in what is temporary, but are passing through this life towards that which endures.

This summer, we will step into their story...and discover that it is also ours. We are sojourners, passing through a world that constantly asks for our allegiance, our attention, and our anxiety. But we belong to something larger, something more permanent, something transcendent of the value systems of this world. Together, we will learn to lift our eyes... to pray beyond ourselves, to live generously, to stand with the global church, and to become a people shaped not by fear or division, but by a living hope that cannot be taken from us.

SECTION 1 (1:1–2:10)

Introduction / God's Chosen People

June 14..... 1 Peter 1:1-2

Letter Context and Practice Layout

June 21..... 1 Peter 1:3-12

Genuine Faith and a Glorious Future

June 28..... 1 Peter 1:13-21

Living as Sojourners on the Way to Glory

- July 5 1 Peter 1:22-2:3
Growing Up in Grace
- July 12..... 1 Peter 2:4-10
Living as People Who Belong to God

SECTION 2 (2:11–4:11)

God's People in Exile

- July 19..... 1 Peter 2:11-17
Strategies for Living as God's People in Exile
Part 1 - World
- July 26 1 Peter 2:18-25
Strategies for Living as God's People in Exile
Part 2 - Work
- August 2 1 Peter 3:1-12
Strategies for Living as God's People in Exile
Part 3 - Home
- August 9 1 Peter 3:13-17
Suffering Without Losing Yourself
- August 16 1 Peter 3:18-4:6
The Waters of Salvation
- August 23 1 Peter 4:7-11
A People of Holy Hospitality

SECTION 3 (4:12–5:14)

Following Jesus' Pattern Through Suffering to Glory

- August 30 1 Peter 4:12-19
Suffering and Glory in the World
- September 6..... 1 Peter 5:1-4
Suffering and Glory as Shepherds
- September 13..... 1 Peter 5:5-14
Suffering and Glory in the Church



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