How well does God know us?

- Psalm 139:1-2
- Psalm 139:13-16

Why is Nathaniel amazed by Jesus' knowledge (John 1:44-50)?

How did God use the persecution and scattering of His people to advance the great commission (Acts 1:8; 8:1-5)?

Why didn't God's people go into all Judea and Samaria on their own in response to Acts 1:8?

How might God be using the COVID-19 for a similar purpose? How might our sheltering in place be used impact our families and neighborhoods with the gospel?

How might God use these days to advance the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

What does obedience to Christ look like (Matthew 28:18-20)?

# Live It!

Where, among whom, has God planted you as a gospel seed? Who will you pray for and how will you pray for them?

What work of sanctification does God want to complete in your life during this time?

What does obedience to Christ require of you today or this week?

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# Sermon in a Sentence

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Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:1–2 (NIV)

# **Open It**

What has been the most difficult aspect of "sheltering in place" during the coronavirus pandemic? How would you have prepared differently if you had known what was coming?

# **Consider It**

Who is the author of this letter (John 1:40-42)? Why does he introduce himself as Peter?

What is the significance of the words Peter uses to describe the recipients of this letter?

- Elect
- Exiles
- Scattered

What work of each member of the Trinity is emphasized by Peter?

- God the Father
- The Holy Spirit
- Jesus Christ