

## Discussion Questions for Families and Groups

### Open It!

Have you ever traveled to a foreign country or lived among foreigners for a period of time? What was that like?

### Consider It!

What does it mean for us to live as foreigners and exiles (2:11)? Why is it so important (2:12)?

Read Hebrews 11:1-40. How do these men and women serve as examples for us? Whose example do you connect? Why?

Consider the example of Moses (Hebrews 11:24-28). Who did he identify with and at what cost? How did he distance himself from sinful desires? What choices did he make?

What choices do you would you need to make to follow his example?

Read Matthew 5:14-16. What echoes of Jesus' teaching do you hear in Peter's urging (2:12)?

Under what conditions or circumstances does Peter call us to live lives characterized by good deeds?

What wrong assumptions or accusations do unbelievers in our culture make toward Christ-followers?

What would it look like in the context of the coronavirus for us to pray and labor for the good of our neighbors?

### Live It!

Which of the three ways of maximizing your witness before a watching world is most challenging for you? Why?

What needs to change so that you will be an example to the unbelievers who are witnesses to your life?

What will you do this week for the glory of God and good of your neighbor, coworker, family member or friend?

## Studies in First Peter

*Maximize Your Witness*

1 Peter 2:11-12

Sunday, July 12, 2020

*Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

1 Peter 2:11–12 (NIV)

### Sermon Proposition

Maximize Your Christian Witness among Unbelievers.

### By Identifying as Foreigners and Exiles

*Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles...*

1 Peter 2:11a (NIV)

### My Next Step:

### **By Distancing Yourself from Sinful Desires**

*Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.*

1 Peter 2:11b (NIV)

**My Next Step:**

### **By Doing Good Consistently**

*Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)

**My Next Step:**