NOTES & QUOTES



CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

- 1. What foreign place would you love to visit one day?
- 2. Have you ever been somewhere where you felt totally out of place? Explain.
- 3. When it comes to following Jesus, what situations in your life feel the most awkward and act as reminders that you belong to a different kingdom?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

- 4. Read 1 Peter 2:11-25. What are some observations that you make when reading this passage? For instance, do you notice any key words, repetition or parallels, vivid descriptions, connecting thoughts, mentions of God, or important themes?
- 5. Read Romans 12:1-2. What similarities do you see with 1 Peter 2:11? How can we remind ourselves that we don't belong to this present culture?
- 6. Peter speaks of a war that wages against our souls. Paul describes that war in Romans 7:21-25. Read these verses and discuss the particulars of the war. Who is the enemy? How do we fight? Where is our victory? Think back over the last week. Can you think of an instance when your soul was at war?
- 7. Read 1 Peter 2:19 again. Why do you think God calls this "commendable"?

8. Read Isaiah 53. Suffering is never easy, but what hope do we find in our own suffering as we consider this description of Jesus's suffering?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

- 9. What is one place in your workplace, school, family etc., where you could demonstrate integrity and character to positively influence a negative situation?
- 10. Where might there be an area of your life that God is asking you to submit?
- 11. Think of one area of struggle or suffering that you are currently experiencing. How can your response to it encourage someone else and glorify God?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"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