

- 1) Imagine that being a Christian was illegal. If a court of law asked your neighbors to provide evidence to convict you of being a Christian, do you think the case against you would succeed?
- 2) Think about those you see as foreigners. How do you know they are from another place? During the message, Pastor Marcus exhorted us to live as foreigners. What does that mean to you?
- 3) Do you call God your heavenly Father? When did you last call on your Father in heaven?
- 4) Read 1Peter 1:17. How would you define “reverent fear” or “fear of God”? Would you say you live your life in fear of God?
- 5) Jesus tells us in John 3:18 that unbelievers are already judged. What other Scripture can you recall that supports His statement? If someone is already judged of a crime, what does it take to redeem them? Consider 1Peter 1:18-19 in your answer.
- 6) There are different ways to gauge and refer to time. We all understand what people are saying when they refer to their 20s or their 40s. Likewise, we understand what historians are saying when they refer to the reign of a particular king, or the bronze age vs the iron age. Read 1Peter 1:20. How does God refer to this present time? Why do you think He calls it that? What is the implication for you?
- 7) Read 1Peter 1:21. What four aspects of the Gospel can you see in that verse? Can we have faith to believe in God and yet not believe or care that Jesus was raised from the dead? Can we have hope in God and yet not believe or care that Jesus ascended after His resurrection?