

Confidence in the Gospel : 1 Peter.

Session 1.

Read : 1 Peter 1:1-2 and, if possible, watch the short podcast.

Icebreaker.

Do you still write letters? How might writing a letter be different from sending an e mail?

Questions for Discussion.

1. Peter describes himself as an apostle. What gives him the right to use this title and what does it suggest about his authority to write this letter?
2. How does it feel to be an alien or a stranger? How does Peter reassure his readers in the face of persecution?
3. What different roles do the three members of the trinity play in these verses?
4. What does it mean to be a “holy people” and what pressures do we face in society as a result of this calling?
5. How would you describe grace and peace in your own words?

To think about.

“Their true homeland is not to be found anywhere on earth, but in heaven. They are journeying to this home as they make their way through the present transitory life as spiritual pilgrims.”

Norman Hillyer.

(extracted from The New International Bible Commentary on Jude and 1 and 2 Peter, published by Baker Books, 1995)

How might we live our lives differently if we know that we are “just passing through”?