

## God's Chosen, Resident Aliens

1 Peter 1:1-2

### Discussion Questions

#### The Essentials

- 1) Who wrote 1 Peter, when was it written, and what was its purpose?
- 2) What does it mean to be 'God's elect'?
- 3) Jesus came for the marginalised, the overlooked, the rarely chosen. Can you think of example of this in the gospels?
- 4) In what sense are the people who Peter is writing to, exiles?
- 5) How is Jesus the ultimate chosen, resident alien?

#### Going Deeper

- 6) Can you think of any links in the Bible between God *knowing* us, and God *loving* us?
- 7) In a society that is very concerned with tolerance and inclusion, why might this principle of 'unconditional election' strike us 'unfair'?

**Memory Verse:** "To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> 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:" 1 Peter 1:1-2

**Prayer Point:** Please pray for this upcoming sermon series as we go through the book of 1 Peter. Pray that we will be encouraged and strengthened by Peter's words to God's chosen, resident aliens.