

# DIFFERENT

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**Key Question:** How do we live as foreigners & strangers in EXILE?  
To live as exiles & strangers is to live out the culture of heaven in the context of our current communities.

## Three Questions We Wrestle with in Exile

IDENTITY: who are we?

VALUES: what is important & how do we live it out?

HOPE: is there a way forward & where are we headed?

**Living as Foreigners & Strangers in Exile** 1 Peter 1:13-21

### I. Set your HOPE on the grace of God.

Two Questions

- What is hope?  
Hope is the ASSURANCE that God is working & moving us toward's His purpose.
- Where is our hope?  
Alternate sources of hope we are TEMPTED to trust: politics, power, pleasure, prosperity
- FOCUS impacts trajectory

**Alert & Sober Minds** - AWARE & attuned to what God is doing, undistracted by the things of the world.

### II. Live Out a New Identity as a Holy People

- Walk in CONFORMITY to the ways of Jesus; out of conformity with the ways of the world.
- Holy - set apart in WORSHIP & service to God, & living like Jesus.
- Not try harder but rather SURRENDER into the work of the Spirit.

### III. Live in Reverent Awe & Fear of God

- This fear is not anxious dread but a RECOGNITION that God is serious about what He calls us to.
- Recognize the SERIOUSNESS of the sacrifice.

**Living as Foreigners & Strangers in Exile:** With your HOPE fully in Jesus, live as a HOLY people, in AWE of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

## Application & Reflection

Where is your HOPE?

Where is God CONVICTING you about holy living?

Is there a place where God is calling you to take your FAITH more seriously?

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## 20s DINER

College students & young adults, interested in a FREE meal? Come to 20s Diner TODAY after second & third service in the Great Room. Bring a friend!

## BROOKINGS COUNTY YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

BCYMP is gearing up for New Mentor Training TODAY from 3:30-6:30 p.m. here in the Activity Center. Consider being matched with a K-12 student; there are 50+ mentees waiting to be matched. That's 50+ kids who are actively asking for a caring, supportive adult, like You, to be a part of their lives!

BCYMP will fully train, equip & match you with a student in the Brookings area. You just commit to meet with your mentee 1 hour a week for 1 school year. BCYMP will even help out with providing a place to meet or suggesting ideas for activities to do together. Contact [bcymp@bcymentoring.org](mailto:bcymp@bcymentoring.org) with questions or to find out how you can be a part of this important work!

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of GracePoint, or just want to learn more about what we believe, you are encouraged to attend the membership class, during 2nd & 3rd service (9:45 a.m. - noon) on Sunday, October 16 in the Great Room. The class will be led by Pastor Dave & Pastor Ryan. Please sign up for the class at [gpw.church/member](http://gpw.church/member) or by contacting the church office, 692-6671 or [info@gracepointwesleyan.org](mailto:info@gracepointwesleyan.org).

