

***RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES***  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
**Strangers in the World – 1 Peter 1:11-12**

1. Why is it that people don't always seem to be able to live and act the way they want to live and act? Can you think of some examples of decisions or choices that you've made that you've struggled to follow through on?

**Read 1 Peter 2:1-12**

2. Peter has been speaking about Jesus being the rock. How does that relate to what he's saying about Christians in this passage?
3. How does he describe the church?

**Read 1 Peter 2:11-12**

4. What does Peter mean by *Beloved*? Who are they loved by? How do you know!
5. Why is it so important for a sojourner or exile to resist the passions of the flesh? (There's some help in chapter 1)
6. What does Peter mean by the passions of the flesh? (There's some help in Romans 8 and Galatians 6) As appropriate... which of these the hardest to leave behind?
7. Is it fair to say that each person knows in their own heart what's good for them? Examples... Why should anyone hold back from doing something they really want to do?
8. In verse 12, what is our motivation for acting honourably around unbelievers? For whose sake?
9. Why would an unbeliever speak against us as evildoers? Can you think of examples this? Can you imagine a circumstance where that person would change their mind and glorify God because of us? What would need to change?
10. Can you think of examples where it will be hard for you to remain honourable because it will receive harsh criticism from those who do not believe?
11. How can we keep encouraging one another to persist in living lives as strangers in this world while we wait for Jesus return?