STUDY 5: Living as Sojourners
1 Peter 2:11-17

Peter has introduced us to the idea that we are aliens/strangers in this world as we are citizens of Heaven (1:1, 17,2:11). We have a 'new way to be human' and are part of a new community. These next sections introduce us in how we should then live our lives here in this world!

DAY 1	▪ Read 1 Pet 1:17, this is introductory thought. Have you been in a foreign country, what made you feel uncomfortable? Do you feel comfortable on earth?
DAY 2	▪ What is warring against your soul? Name it! What is your plan for dealing with it, this week? Most of us don't plan to fail, we just fail to plan!
DAY 3	▪ Read Mt 5:1-16, is your behaviour excellent (1 Pet 2:12)? Is your light under a bushel? The Beatitudes are what we are to BE, so we can do what God wants us to.
DAY 4	▪ What is your attitude toward government? Here is our first use of the word "submit", do you? Can you encourage a public official today - policeman, fireman, your MP, your local councillor?
DAY 5	▪ Notice the three categories of individual we are to relate to in 1 Pet 2:17. Read 1 Tim 2:1-4 & Mt 10:28, and Gal 6:9-10 for other instructions toward them. Pray for our government leaders today, that righteousness will abound.
DAY 6	▪ In our culture is submission a trait to be proud of? Who are you to submit to (read Eph. 5:21), do you? Are you free (Gal 5:1), how do use your freedom? in what ways...for self, for others (Gal 5:13)?
DAY 7	▪ The will of God (v15) is something we all long for. The Bible tends to deal with attitude in this regard. I find that the specifics happen when my attitude is right. Read the following scriptures to help with attitude (Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 7:10; 8:5; Eph. 6:6; 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:18; 1 Pet 4:19; 1 Jn. 2:17).