

Questions from the Sermon

October 25, 2020

Read 1 Peter 1:1-6

1. What Alien movie would you say has been your favorite?
-Why do you think 'Alien' movies are so popular? What makes the idea of Aliens so interesting to people?
2. Peter introduces himself as the Author. Does it matter that much who the author is of a book? Why?
-Why would the fact the author is Peter make those receiving this letter more interested to read it?
-Does the fact the author is Peter make you more interested to read it? Why?
3. Imagine a New Believer says to you..."who is Peter?". How would you describe him?
4. How would you describe someone who is 'In Exile' or is an 'Alien' in a land?
-What challenges does a person who is in Exile or is an Alien face on a day to day basis?
5. Did you watch Mork & Mindy when it was on tv? If so, why did Mork try so hard to 'fit in' and 'blend in'?
-is this similar to why people try to fit in or blend in to the culture they live in?
6. Missionaries who go overseas tend to try to blend in and fit in to the culture they are going to serve in. Is this wrong do you think, based on what Peter says in this passage?
-What is different, if anything, about a missionary going to serve as an outsider in a country and us living in our culture but being called to be different and stand out?

READ...Philippians 4:8.....Romans 12:2.....1 John 3:18...John 13:35.....James 1:22

According to these verses, we are called to live in such a way as people notice we're different
-we sing that song..."They'll know we are Christians by our love'

7. Why is it so difficult to be willing to stand out where we live and work?
-why is it so important that we do?
-most people will say that Christians are 'different'. What kind of 'different' do we need to aim for? Is it just ok to be considered weird or odd? Is that different enough?
8. How do you think the people receiving this letter felt as Peter told them in verse 3...
"According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope"
-Why is 'hope' so important for each of us, especially during times like we are living in today?
-What happens when people live without hope? What do we see in our society are the consequences of people having no hope?

9. How can we 'live in such a way' that people see the hope we have?

Peter says later in chapter 3 verse 15...

"...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."

-If someone asked you to explain why you have hope in spite of the circumstances we are in, how would you explain it?