Reflection and Discussion Questions
1 Peter 2:13-25

1. Why do we need to be reminded that we are pilgrims on the earth before moving on to consider the commands given in our passage?

2. What reason does Peter give for submitting to human authorities?

3. What is one reason you want to be a bondservant of Christ? In what ways have you tasted and seen His goodness as your Master?

4. According to our passage what is God's will?

5. Romans 12:2 gives us instructions for how to know Gods will. Why is it important for us not to conform to the ways and thinking of the world?

6. Peter began his letter by addressing it "to the elect exiles of the Dispersion". How does the faithfulness of God to bring Israel back home from their exile in Babylon encourage you as you wait for his return?

7. As an exile are you more tempted to rebel against the authorities of the world or are you more inclined to assimilate? How can the Bible guard your heart against both?

8. How can you better follow Jesus' example of submitting to the will of the Father and suffering for the sake of the lost?

9. Jeremiah 29 is a letter to exiles; how can you put the instructions of verses 4-7 into practice?

10. Does having the perspective of an exile change your reading of Jeremiah 29:11-14 and Isaiah 41:10? What do you learn about the character of God from these passages that you can thank and praise Him for this week?

Questions for Deeper Study

These questions are designed to help you study God's Word. They are **optional**, but everyone is encouraged to use them to deepen their love for the Lord and His Word.

- Begin with prayer
- Read the passage several times
- Pick one question (more if you like) to answer and see how the Lord blesses your time of study

1. Briefly list the important facts stated in the passage.

   - What is one of the main themes of this passage?

2. Define any unclear or unknown words.

3. Context is important! Read several verses before and after the passage. How do these verses add to your understanding of the passage?

4. What would this passage have meant to its original audience back in biblical times?

5. What does this passage teach about God?

6. How does this passage apply to you?

   - Is there a command to obey?

   - A promise for your present circumstances?

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15