Digging Deeper- Discussion for Family Worship and Small Groups 02/14/2021

"Following Jesus Through a Foreign Land"

Sermon Title: "Pilgrims, An Underserving People Chosen by God-Part 1: The Doctrine of Election."

Reference: 1 Peter 1:1-2

Context: Peter is writing to scattered Christians facing increased persecution. They are in need of encouragement and instruction as they live out their earthly pilgrimage in a hostile environment. Peter address Christians as elect exiles. This is one of the most comprehensive passages on election in Scripture and is meant to unite and encourage not divide and confuse.

Sermon in a Sentence: "God sovereignly chooses whom he ultimately saves"

Main Points:

I. The doctrine of election is intended to give us encouragement as we follow Christ. (1:1)

Ref. Deut. 7:6-7, 14:2; Psalm 135:4; John 15:16; Mark 13:20; Matt 24:24,31

II. The doctrine of election is intended to make us humble as we follow Christ. (1:1)

Ref. Col 3:12-13; 1 Thess 1:3-4; 2 Tim 2:10; Eph 1:3-5; 1 Pet 2:9; Prov 16:9; Phil 2:13; Rom 3:10-12; Eph 2:1-10; Rom 9:10-16; John 3:18; Rom 9:19-23; Psalm 89:14; Matt 22:14; Acts 13:46-48; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Is 55:8-9

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What did you learn about God's attributes and promises?
- 2. What challenges you about the message?
- **3.** Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God's grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
- **4.** What does this Scripture require of me?
- **5.** How will you practically implement these truths?
- **6.** What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?