

## Strangers in a Broken World

NorthRidge Church

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## Truth for Life

For the week of January 7, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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### Finding Hope, begins with ...

Understanding \_\_\_\_\_

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Understanding \_\_\_\_\_

*of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

Understanding \_\_\_\_\_

*according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood*

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*May grace and peace be multiplied to you.*

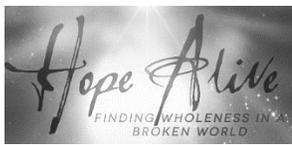
### Critical Reflections

1. God Loves \_\_\_\_\_ ... Love whispers, "\_\_\_\_\_."
2. He alone is \_\_\_\_\_ ... Keep Him there.
3. This World is \_\_\_\_\_ ... Don't set up house to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. In your own words, define the Hope. What does it look like? What does it feel like? What does it do for us? How well do we function without it?
2. What role, if any, does understanding who we are and whose we are play in the task of finding hope? Does it alter our perspective any to know that God has accepted us? Has given us a new life? Has promised us a future? Has promised to walk with us through this life?
3. When we take our eyes off of the Lord and His provision ... and begin to focus on our current situation, what happens to hope? When the situation is positive, good, and promising? When the situation is negative, depressing, and hopeless?
4. As we start this new sermon series, we learn of Peter's introduction of hope to believers. What guidance do the following Scriptures give to continue bringing people the message of new and living hope?
  - Romans 8:18
  - Isaiah 40:30-31
  - Jeremiah 29:11
  - Psalm 31:23-24
  - Deuteronomy 31:6
  - Romans 5:2-5
5. What 1 thing might you benefit from as you reflect upon this week, this study, or the Critical Reflections from Sunday?

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#### Understanding What we’ve been given

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