

Group Discussion:

CONNECT RELATIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Share Highs & Lows from the week / Share prayer needs & practice prayer together / Split into sub-groups (e.g. men / women) to share
- (Ice breaker question) *How do you handle pressure in your life? (Give examples)*

GROW SPIRITUALLY (roughly 50% of your meeting time)

- *As a group Read 1 Peter 1:1-12. As we read is there anything God's Spirit has drawn your attention to?*
- *What does Peter mean by "elect . . . exiles"? How does the label "elect. . . exiles" shape how believers view themselves and one another?*
- *Are there any changes in your life that you might need to take to live out your identity as an "elect....exile? (Compared to an immigrant or a tourist)*
- *Why do Christians tend to forget how great God's mercy is? How can believers help one another to remember God's great mercy?*
- *Describe something other than God that you hoped would fix issues in your life (e.g., person, job, location). How did these temporary hopes perish, spoil, or fade? How is the hope Jesus provides better?*
- *How do trials refine a believer's faith? Do trials and suffering automatically refine faith?*

LIVE MISSIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Scriptural reminder of God's missional heart – Romans 14:11
- Ask for any stories of BLESS steps that have happened recently. Celebrate anything shared.
- Ask people to update their FRANCES list of people that may be far from God. Who has God brought back up on your minds & hearts recently? Where do you see new potential opportunities?
- Ask people to consider and commit to 1-3 practical BLESS steps that they might accomplish in the upcoming season (week / month). What do you plan to do? How / when will you ensure it happens?
- Pray over specific names or steps that were shared.