

### **Marinating in God's Word: 1 Peter 1:1-2**

Peter's growth as a disciple is detailed in the stories of the gospels and Acts. But Peter's letters also show his growth, and can help us grow too. We're focusing for several weeks on 1 Peter.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Peter began his letter using the typical form of the day: who it is from, who it is to, and a greeting. Peter identifies himself simply as an "Apostle," and then focuses on the recipients. The recipients were in new churches in provinces of Turkey, and were new Christians themselves. What part of our new identity in Jesus comes to us immediately as we believe, and what part has to be "worked into us"?
- Those early churches were made up mostly of Gentiles from poorer classes, and slaves. But Peter doesn't mention such traits. What does he list to identify them? In the Old Testament era these identifiers originally applied only to Israel. But Peter is applying them to these Gentile Christians. Why?
- What do each of the identifiers Peter gives mean for you: chosen, exiles in another land, destined by God, sanctified for obedience, covenanted through blood?
- What would you hope that the blessings of grace and peace would bring you in this Coronavirus season?