

Adult Study Guide for February 28, 2021
Series: *I am an Alien*; Message: *Holy Courage*

Goal: To live courageously in a world that is hostile to the Christian faith.

Key Verse: *Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.* – 1 Peter 1:13

1. When you were growing up what were some of the things that seemed very important in your community or family that could be defined as “cultural morals”? Were you ever faced with a choice of not following the crowd or swimming upstream?
2. How are personal ethics different than cultural morals? How did you develop your own standards of what is and is not acceptable for you to do? Why is conformity to our own evil desires or the morals of the world the wrong choice? (1 Peter 1:14; Romans 12:1-2)
3. Read 1 Peter 1:13 (key verse above) and Romans 5:1-2. What does it mean to stand on grace? Why does living with holy courage require an acceptance of God’s grace first and foremost? What happens when we are not rooted in grace? (Matthew 13:20-21)
4. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. How does standing on grace make you a target? What are some common ways that Satan attacks Christians? Why is it so important remember Scripture and to rely on God’s grace in order to avoid falling for the lies of the devil? (James 4:7-8) What can we learn from the temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:14-17. What does it mean to be holy? Why is important to remember that we are called and set apart by God to be a holy people? (1 Peter 1:2; 2:9, 21; 3:9; 5:10) Read 1 Peter 1:23-25. What should we remember when we are tempted to give up?
6. Pastor Austin talked about two forms of courage: 1) courage to hold firm, and 2) courage to change. What are some examples of each form of courage? What will it take for you to live courageously and act differently than those around you? (Ephesians 6:10-11; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)