

# Going Deeper

*Your weekly guide to understanding God with others*

## In The Midst - Week 1

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### Introduction

This week we are looking at Peter's first letter. The verses we consider point God's people to live distinct lives full of love and hope – or as Peter says, be holy, love deeply and show God's goodness.

### Bible Passage

1 Peter 1:1-16, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 Peter 2:9, John 8:32

### Discussion

1. 1 Peter 1:1 talks of foreigners in the provinces. What is your understanding of the term 'foreigners'?
2. Is being holy something you strive for? Is it something you consciously think about?
3. Loving deeply is a feeling, but what does it mean in practical terms?
4. Do these verses alter your understanding of 'loving deeply'? How?
5. Have you ever considered yourself to be chosen and known? What does that mean to you?
6. How does understanding you are known and chosen reposition holiness, loving deeply and showing the goodness of God in your life?

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## **Respond**

A light reading of these verses could lead a person to feel they need to be more, feel more and do more, but when we consider verse two we are repositioned. Instead of needing to be, feel and do more, we find ourselves in a place of being known and chosen; a place where we can follow God's leading and respond accordingly. Where is God at work in your life, and how are you responding to Him?

