Get in the Way of Jesus
"Missional Living"

"Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." (1 Peter 2:1-3)

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Peter 2:9-10)

"'Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." (Exodus 19:5-6)

"Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." (1 Peter 2:11-12)

The gospel is a radically ___exclusive_____ message that produces a radically ___inclusive_____ community.

What does this look like for us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In his first letter, Peter writes to Christians who are experiencing isolation and opposition because of their faith. Are there cultural factors that sometimes make you feel "out of step" with your environment because of your commitment to Christ? If so, what are they?

- While encouraging these Christians to be distinctive, Peter doesn't want them to be isolated. He encourages them to be part of God's "mission." What does it mean to live with a sense of "mission" as a Christian?

- Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. What stands out to you in this text? What can get in the way of living this way?

- What does missional living look like in your life right now?

- As we prepare for Easter, what rhythm do you want to incorporate into your life for 40 Days?