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The Church is Sojourners

As you sojourn here, live obediently in the tension of being in this world while not being of it

1. Since the Fall in the Garden, God's people have always been _____ here

Hebrews 11:8-10; 13-16

"... sojourning is not merely a matter of alien residence in a strictly literal sense; it means dwelling with God... to dwell with God is to regard one's life on earth as a sojourn."

John Driver, Images of the Church in Mission

The definition of Greek word "sojourner" – *an alien alongside, i.e. A resident foreigner... Literally, someone " _____ " but still with personal relationship with the people in that locale*

The definition of Greek word "foreigner" – *pároikos* (from *pará*, "close beside" *oikos*, "house") – *properly, someone living close to others as a temporary dweller, i.e. in a specific locale as a non-citizen with _____ rights*

Jesus prayed for us to be able to live out the tension of " _____ but not _____"

John 17:14-19

2. There are practical _____ that God has for us as we sojourn here

1 Peter 2:11-17

1 Peter 1:1

1 Peter 1:17

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, **admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.** ¹⁴ **People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.**

"Which flag flies _____ in my life?"

1 Peter 2:9

"They reside in their respective countries, but only as aliens. They take part in everything as citizens and put up with everything as foreigners. Every foreign land is their home, and every home a foreign land . . . They spend their days on earth, but hold citizenship in heaven. They obey the established laws, but in their private lives they rise above the laws. They love all [people], but are persecuted by all . . . Doing good, they are penalized as evildoers; when penalized, they rejoice because they are quickened into life. The Jews make war on them as foreigners, the Greeks persecute them; and those who hate them are at a loss to explain their hatred."

Quadratus?, 139

Trinity Core Value:

The Bible is God's Story given **to transform you** and **to be the authority in your life**

3. God has promised a _____ at the end of your sojourn

Philippians 3:18-21

Romans 8:22-23

"Am I eagerly awaiting Jesus' return that completes my sojourn and brings me home or have I become so comfortable and enmeshed here that I think seldom, if ever, about my true citizenship?"

Revelation 21:3

Now What? As you sojourn here, live obediently in the tension of being in this world while not being of it