



Discussion Guide for “Star Wars” *Strangers in a Strange Land* Week 5

If *The Force Awakens* is criticized for anything, it’s for being too similar to the older Star Wars films. But we’re living in an age of nostalgia. Perhaps because our world is in such turmoil, we crave the familiar stability of old stories. So too, when Peter is helping suffering Christians understand God’s call, he frames their stories in the larger story of what God has been doing since the beginning. How can knowing the whole story of God help us thrive today?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[1 Peter 2:2-10](#)

[Genesis 1:1-2:4](#)

[Exodus 19:1-8](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

[John 14:1-14](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is [a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week’s passage is [Mark 1:16-20](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. How would you describe the story of our culture? What goals do we encourage? What values?
2. What is the story of God? What is our goal? What values are most important?
3. How did the story of God differ from the story of Rome? Why did this matter to the Christians to whom Peter wrote?
4. How does the story of God differ from the story of our culture? Why does this matter to you?
5. What does it look like for you to live into God’s story this week?