



John 14:2-4

Gathering

HOME

This month, our thoughts turn towards Thanksgiving and gathering with family and friends in our homes to celebrate. Home....our place of refuge and solace. A place where we can find ourselves again and embrace the warmth and love of family and friends.

Kenny Loggins sings these words:

CELEBRATE ME HOME

*Home for the holidays,
I believe I've missed each and every face,
Come on and play my music,
Let's turn on the love light in the place.
It's time I found myself,
Totally surrounded in your circles.
Whoa, my friends*

*Please, celebrate me home,
Give me a number,
Please, celebrate me home
Play me one more song,
That I'll always remember,
And I can recall,
Whenever I find myself too all alone,
I can sing me home.*

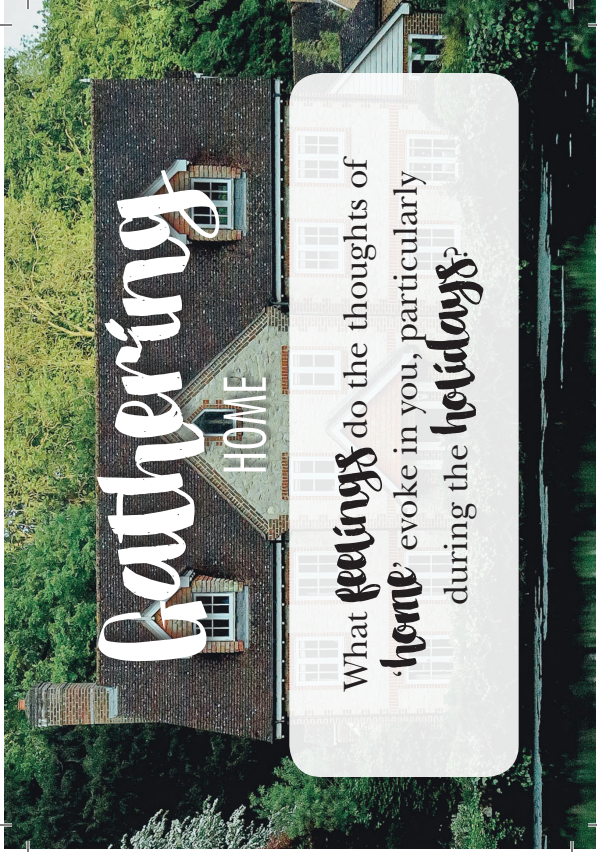
While we find comfort in our earthly homes, we know that our ultimate goal is to make our home in Heaven.

John 14:1-4, The Message, reminds us: "There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I'm taking."

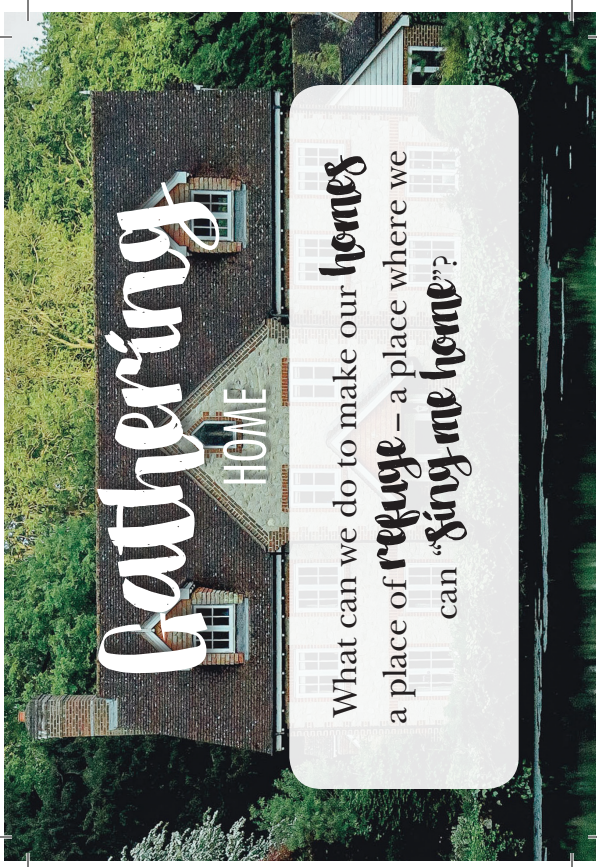
After sharing the Scripture, use at least three of the questions below with your group:

- What feelings do the thoughts of 'home' evoke in you, particularly during the holidays?
- What can we do to make our homes a place of refuge – a place where we can "sing me home"?
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Complete your monthly report and turn it in to the Corps Officer.



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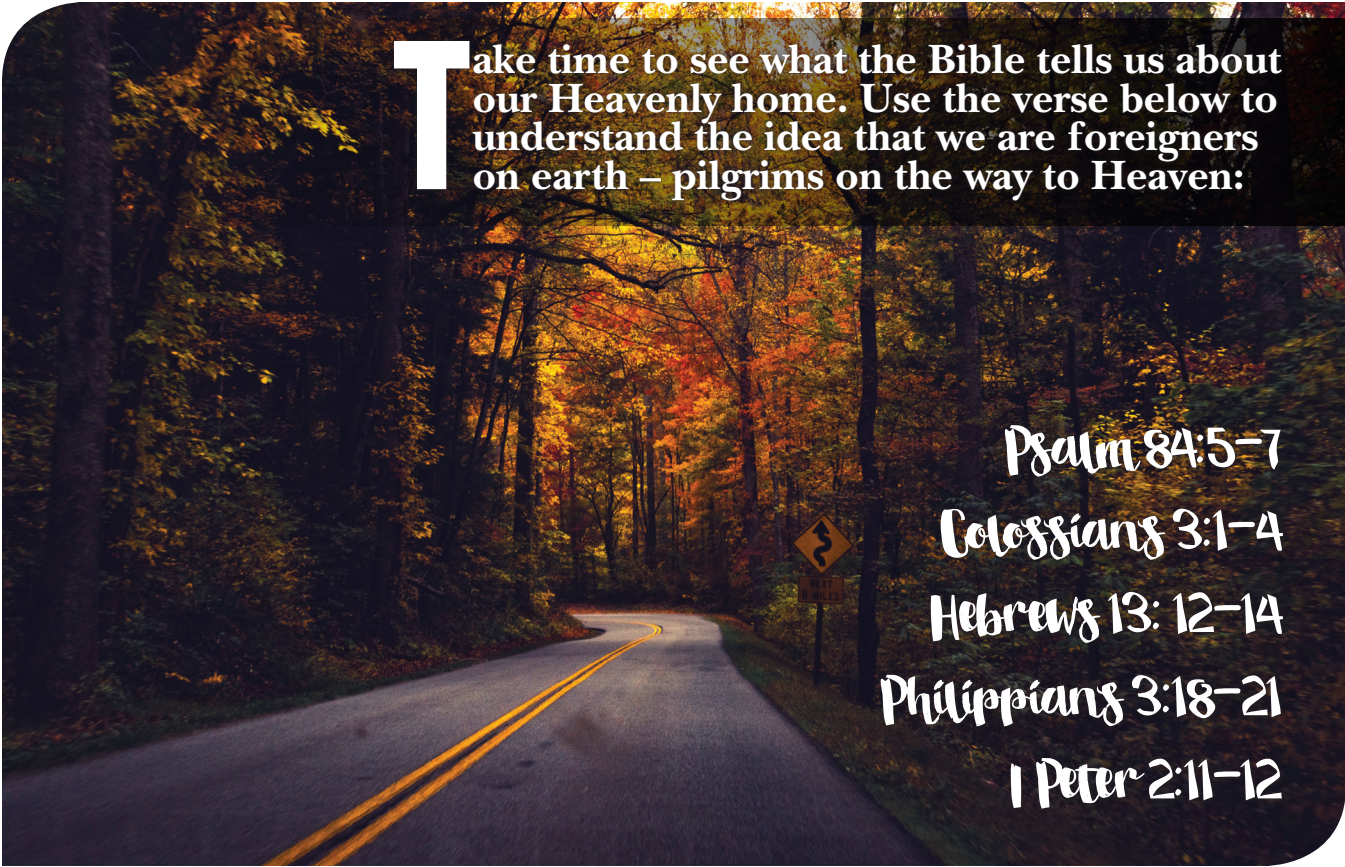
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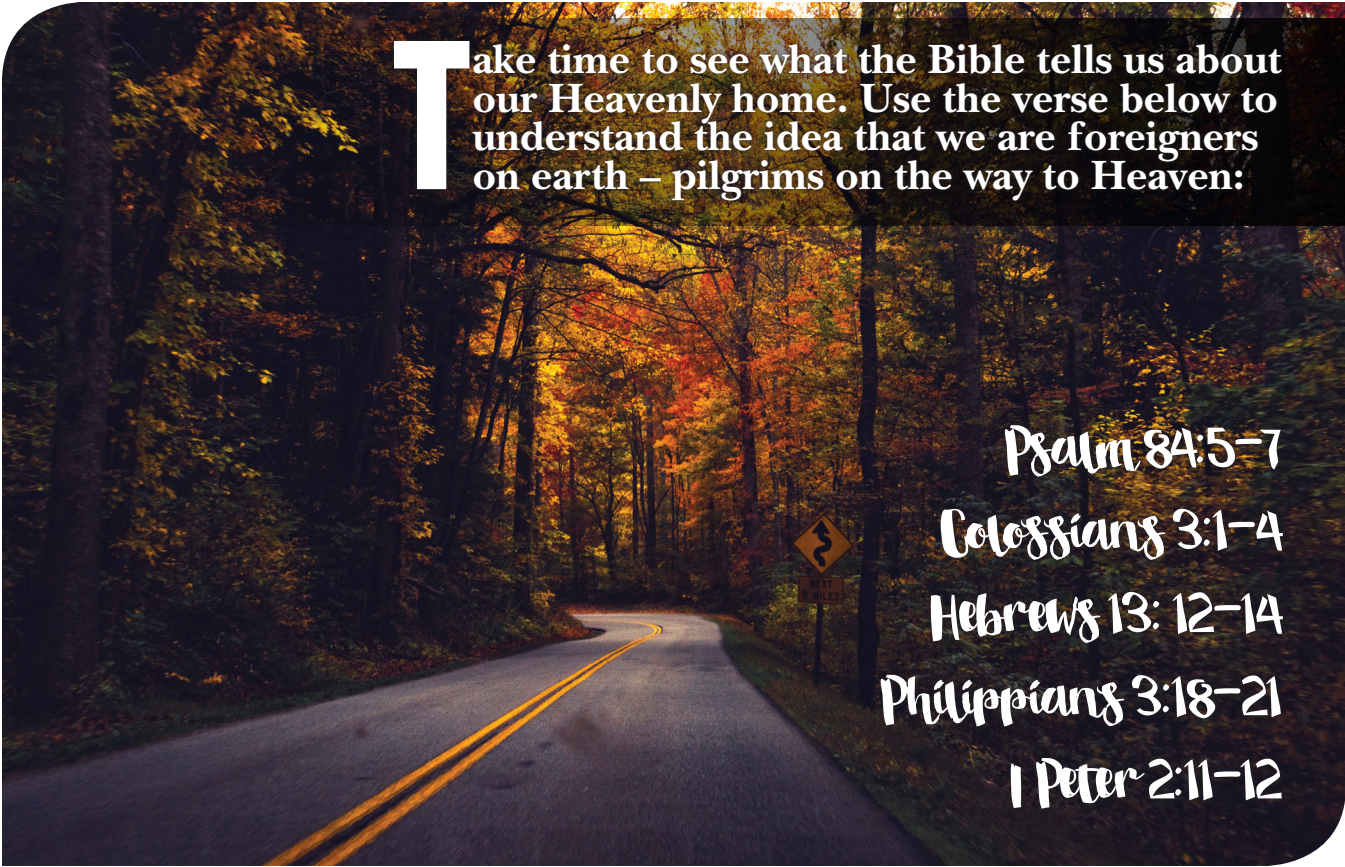
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