

## News Story Summary

Tim Tebow played quarterback for the University of Florida football team, winning the Heisman trophy in 2007. He has since played for the Denver Broncos, New York Jets, New England Patriots, and Philadelphia Eagles. He has also had a career in broadcasting on the SEC network. He is now pursuing a career in baseball, and has just signed a contract to play for the New York Mets.

During his college days, the “Tebow Rule” was passed to prevent him from writing scripture verses on his face during games. Also, his practice of kneeling to pray during games became known worldwide as “Tebowing.” More recently, his Tebow Foundation has built a hospital in the Philippines to treat children with orthopedic issues. In an interview this summer, Tebow said, “The only thing that we’re called to brag about is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, because He’s the One that did everything for us and He overcame death and hell and everything else, and He’s the reason that we get to stand in victory, because we know Him and we love Him.”

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the words “Tim Tebow Mets” and “church boys Tim Tebow interview.”)

## Focus Attention

Invite the group to listen as you share the news story. *Ask: How do the actions and attitudes that Tebow displays differ from other public figures? Why do you suppose Tebow’s faith has drawn attention? How has his public display of Christianity been received?* Explain that our study today, entitled “Living as Strangers,” makes it clear why Christians are so very different from others and how we are to live in a world that seems so foreign to us.

## Challenge

Point to the quote by Tim Tebow. *Ask: How does this quote reflect the things Peter directed his readers to do?* Challenge the group to consider actions they should take to reflect Peter’s directives. Close in prayer, asking for strength to live in such a way so as to reflect Christ to others.