



Week 1

February 6, 2022 • 1 Peter 1:1–12

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- Pray together for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to behold wonderful things (Ps. 119:18) as your group meets with the Lord.
- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 1:1–12** out loud.
 - *When have you felt most like a “stranger” (v. 1) because of your faith?*
 - *Peter calls Christians “elect,” having a “new birth into a living hope” through Jesus’ resurrection. Have two or three group members share what it means for them to be chosen by God and what this “new birth” has looked like in their lives.*
 - *When has your faith in Jesus been tested or “refined by fire” (v. 7)? Are you facing such a trial right now? How can our group pray for you and ask the Spirit of God to strengthen you?*

WEEKLY QUESTIONS FOR ONE ANOTHER

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Week 2

February 13, 2022 • 1 Peter 1:13–25

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- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 1:13–25** out loud.
 - *Looking at 1:13–16 together, discuss what kind of holiness Peter calls us to (hint: look for the imperative commands that tell you to do something).*
 - *How should this collective call to holiness impact you at home, work, and in your relationships this week? How does that interact with Peter's immediate command to "live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear" (v. 17)?*
 - *Which of the commands or characteristics of 1:13–16 is the greatest challenge for you?*
 - *How can verses 17–25 help you as you face the stress and challenges of this week? Share these as a group and make aspects of these verses your spoken prayers over one another.*

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Week 3

February 20, 2022 • 1 Peter 2:1–10

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- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 2:1–10** out loud.
 - *What is Peter commanding believers to do in this section of the letter? Share what you see (hint: look for the imperative commands that tell the recipients to do something).*
 - *What is Peter describing as the process God is undertaking in the lives of believers in this section of his letter? Share what you see (hint: look for what he is saying is happening to the recipients of the letter).*
 - *Read again out loud Peter's description of you and other Christians in verses 9–10. What does this mean for our identity, belonging, and purpose with one another?*

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Week 4

February 27, 2022 • 1 Peter 2:11–17

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- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 2:11–17**.
 - *Read again out loud Peter's description of you and other Christians in verses 9–11. What does this mean for our identity, belonging, and purpose with one another? What does it mean for how we relate to one another in real life?*
 - *How does Peter command Christians to behave toward government authorities (verses 13–17)?*
 - *In Peter's time, persecution and slavery made submitting to government authorities very difficult, to say the least. What makes it difficult in our time?*
 - *Consider together the other places in the New Testament where we are given guidance on interacting as "aliens and strangers" with governments: Mark 11:15–16, 15:1–15; Acts 16:35–37. Read these passages out loud as a group. Make aspects of these passages your spoken prayers together.*

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Week 5

March 6, 2022 • 1 Peter 2:18–25

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- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 2:18–25**.

- *Suffering is an aspect of life and the Bible does not shy away from discussing it. Verse 21 says of suffering, “To this you were called.” How does this impact your view of the Christian life?*
- *Peter presents to us Jesus’ example of suffering “that you should follow in his steps” (v. 21). How can Christ’s example help us when we are mistreated, either as an individual or as a group of Christians?*
- *Do you ever feel like you are a “sheep going astray”? How can we pray for you? Is there anyone who is suffering in your household? Family? Friends? The group can focus on these requests in prayer time together.*
- *Use verses 23–25 as inspiration for your prayer time together. Thank Jesus for what He came to endure and conquer, for His example, and how He has rescued us “like sheep going astray.”*

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Week 6

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- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 3:1–12** out loud.
 - *When “submit” is used in the New Testament, it is voluntary, not forced or coerced. Peter never advocates that any spouse stay in a cruel situation. In this light, what is the fruit of a marriage built on voluntary submission and consideration of each other?*
 - *Considering beauty, how does Peter’s encouragement to the beauty of “your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit” resonate in our culture?*
 - *What can hinder a husband’s prayers (v. 7)?*
 - *How are we to live if we hope to “love life and see good days” (v. 10)?*
 - *How does Peter’s quoting Psalm 34 (verses 10–12) summarize all he has said in 2:11–3:9?*

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- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 3:13–22** out loud.
 - *How does Peter teach evangelism in verses 15–16? What does this look like in a modern-day believer's life?*
 - *How does hope change our behavior toward others and cause them to ask?*
 - *What hope is Peter trying to give suffering believers in verses 17–22?*
 - *Have you faced hopelessness? How did God help you?*
 - *Are you facing hopelessness or fears (v. 14)? How can we pray for you? How can we help?*

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Week 8

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- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 4:1–11** out loud.
 - *Was there a time in your life when suffering changed you in the way described in verses 1–2? What suffering have you faced that you would call such a turning point in your journey with Jesus?*
 - *Has your following Jesus upset your non-believing friends or family members? Pray as a group over those members and situations that are shared.*
 - *Compare your current reality to the one commanded in verses 7–11. Where do you need prayer? How can the group pray together so that we can live this kind of love in our lives together?*

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Week 9

April 3, 2022 • 1 Peter 4:12–19

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- Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 4:12–19** out loud.
 - *Is there anyone suffering physical pain or emotional pain in our group? Spend time praying together over one another as members share.*
 - *What false assumption does Peter set straight in verse 12?*
 - *How has the reality of verse 16 looked in your life?*
 - *What form does your suffering for Christ take? Share and pray verse 19 over one another.*

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Week 10

April 10, 2022 • 1 Peter 5:1–12

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→ Invite a group member to read **1 Peter 5:1–12**.

- *What is Peter warning and commanding church elders about in verses 1–3? Spend time as a group praying for the elders and pastors of our church in light of these verses.*
- *Remember that “submission” in the New Testament is voluntary, not coerced or forced. Who is Peter addressing in verses 5–7? What is he commanding them to do? How does this also interact with the command given in verses 8–9?*
- *What specific anxiety or concern do you need to cast humbly on the Lord (v. 6–7)? Share and spend time praying over one another as a group.*
- *Now read through verse 14. What picture of Christ has Peter composed throughout this letter? How does that picture bring peace to your soul?*

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