

9. In the message it was presented that the letter of 1 Peter causes us to reflect on 3 important questions. What are they and discuss the relevance of each?

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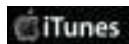
10. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

Personal Reflection

1. What encouragement have you received by the things learned in this study?
2. What changes do you believe you have to begin making in light of this study?

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1 Peter 1:1-12



Message Notes

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Life Group Study Notes Stand Sermon Series based on 1 Peter

This Week's Message

We begin a ten-part series on 1 Peter and in this message we look at the opening passage of the letter. Peter introduces the themes of suffering, faith, salvation, and obedience; themes that are expanded upon later in the letter.

Background

Peter wrote this letter from Rome in the early 60's AD. He was motivated to write because of the severe trials that Christians in Asia Minor were suffering. With that backdrop, the letter encourages the believer to live a life that reflects their faith in Christ, despite the pressures that surround them.



A key verse that summarizes the message of 1 Peter is found in 4:19:
So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.

Study

1. Take a moment to look at Peter's introduction in verses 1-2. What is significant about his classifying believers as "foreigners?" (strangers in some versions)

2. How is the Trinity presented in this passage? Take a moment to discuss this doctrine and why it would be important to the letter.

3. Verses 3-7 centre on the topic of faith. How important is faith to God, and why is it imperative that we understand this?

4. In 1:6-7, Peter writes that suffering and trials benefit our faith. How do we make sense of this?

5. Verses 8-12 centre on the topic of salvation. What two groups does Peter mention in this section and what does this teach us about the importance of salvation?

6. What role does the Holy Spirit play in salvation?

7. What are the various ways Peter says believers have a special identity in Christ (1-9)

8. How does Peter portray joy?