

NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

PETER

Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions* without other outside sources

**questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

Lesson 14 • 1 Peter 2:4–25

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of 1 Peter 1 has been helpful to you?

2. Who is the “living Stone”?

3. How are believers like “living stones”?

–How would you describe the foundation and structure of the spiritual house within you?

4. Living stones are called to be a holy _____ V5?

–What do you think it means to be a priest? (See Numbers 18:6–7 & Deuteronomy 10:8 for help)

5. Consider your role as a Priest. What spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God?

1 Samuel 15:22 _____

Psalm 51:17 _____

Romans 12:1 _____

Hebrews 13:15 _____

Hebrews 13:16 _____

6. What are the different reactions of those who encounter the Stone, and what are the reasons for their reactions? **V6–8**

7. What is different about followers of Christ in **V9–10**?

–How do we respond to these privileges?

8. Notice how Peter addresses the reader in **V11**. How might this help prepare them for what follows?

–What does living as “aliens and strangers” tell us about the life of a priest in this world?

–What term of endearment has Jesus given us? (See John 15:14–16)

9. Like James (James 1:14), Peter warns us about the enemy we face in **V11**. How has your understanding or perspective about what wars against us changed?

10. What is the result of your Godly life lived out in the world according to **V12,15**?

11. What specific instructions does Peter give regarding submission in **V13–17**?

-What are the implications for us in the 21st Century? (Politically, civilly, socially)

12. Peter also teaches submission in the work place **(V18–20)**. How is this “counter-culture” in our society?

13. Carefully consider how Jesus’ life was an example of submission **(V22–25)**. How do you need to use the example of Christ’s submission in your own life? Where do you need an “attitude adjustment”?

14. With 1 Peter 1 in mind, begin to form a prayer request to share with your Table Group on Wednesday.