



LESSON 1

1 Peter 1:1-12

1. As you think back to last week's overview, what truth or insight resonated in light of specific trials you face or the challenges of living in this time and place?

2. Pray for wisdom and understanding before you read through the first twelve verses of **1 Peter 1**. As exiles, forced to live in places far from home, Peter reminds his readers of the living hope they have as followers of Jesus. What might have been some of the struggles and trials the exiles endured?

3. Build a profile of Peter, the author of the letters known as **1 Peter** and **2 Peter**, from the following verses and include your thoughts about how God used him to further His kingdom:
 - **Mark 1:16-18**

 - **John 13:6-20**

 - **John 18:10-11**

 - **John 21:15-17** and **Matthew 26:69-75**

 - **Acts 4:5-13** and **Acts 15:5-11**

4. To whom was Peter's letter originally directed, and what do they have in common despite being scattered based on **1 Peter 1:1-2**?

5. According to **V3-5**, describe the gifts for which Peter offers praise to God. Share your thoughts or questions about the salvation that lies ahead for the believer in **V5**.

6. Read the following passages and note the basis and benefits of the inheritance of believers in Jesus referred to in **V4**:
 - **Romans 8:17**

 - **Ephesians 1:11-14**

 - **Hebrews 9:15**

7. Peter speaks of "inexpressible and glorious" joy in suffering in **1 Peter 1:6-9**. How do you think joy is possible for the believer who, like us, has never seen Jesus?

8. What insights into the prophets, their motivation and their message do you find in **V10-12**?

9. Peter speaks about God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit, known as the Trinity, and how each of these three persons is involved in the salvation of our souls. Review **V1-12** and comment on the attributes and/or work of each person of the Trinity.
 - God the Father

 - Jesus the Son

 - The Holy Spirit

10. Write out one truth that is ministering to you personally from **VI-12**. *Note: A truth is about God or about humanity, and it remains true for all times, all people, everywhere.*

11. **LIVING AS STRANGERS: HOPEFUL**

Followers of Jesus have been given a hope that hinges on the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (**V3**). It is so much more than wishful thinking or a positive spin on a bad situation. It is rooted in eternity and the certainty of life beyond the grave spent in God's presence.

- a) Read the verses below and reflect on how such hope anchors your soul to the truth.

- **Psalm 33:20-22**

- **Romans 8:23-24**

- **Titus 3:4-7**

- **Hebrews 6:19-20**

- b) In what circumstances do you tend to lose hope, or where are you currently battling discouragement? Let Peter's words to the exiles encourage you and ask your group to pray you will live hopeful as you stay anchored in Him.

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PRAYER REQUEST