

1 PETER

Bible Study

A group study of the letter of 1 Peter
Living Hope, Holiness, and Love
in a confusing world.



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WELCOME



Thank you for choosing this Bible Study for your group as you go deeper with 1 Peter. Over the next 5 weeks, my prayer for you is that this wonderful letter will help you to grow in your faith and to live with the hope that Jesus brings us.

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

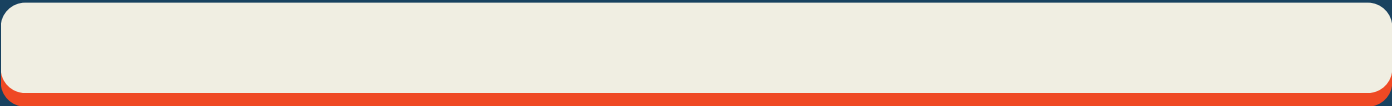
1Peter 1:3



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INTRODUCTION

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

- 1 SESSION PER WEEK
- 3-10 PEOPLE RECOMMENDED
- EACH SESSION INCLUDES BIBLE READING, GROUP DISCUSSION, PERSONAL APPLICATION, AND PRAYER
- REFRESHMENTS AND TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP



THEMES

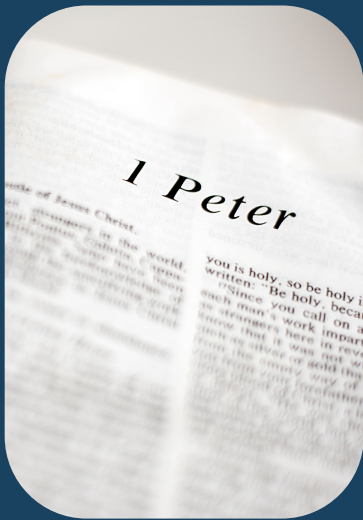


- OUR IDENTITY AND HOPE IN JESUS
- BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS
- OUR CALLING AS GOD'S PEOPLE
- RESPONDING TO DIFFICULTY LIKE JESUS
- LEADERSHIP, HUMILITY, AND PERSEVERANCE

1 PETER

OVERVIEW

Peter was a fisherman called by Jesus, known for both his boldness and his failures, such as denying Jesus. He was restored and commissioned by Him. By the time he writes this letter, with the help of Silas, Peter is a mature leader, offering pastoral wisdom and encouragement.



Peter writes to Christians scattered across several regions of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey)

These believers were:

- A mix of Jewish and Gentile Christians
- Living as a minority in a largely pagan culture
- Experiencing social pressure, exclusion, and misunderstanding for their faith

Written in
AD 62–64.

1 Peter was written by Peter, an apostle of Jesus, to encourage scattered Christians facing pressure to stand firm in faith, live holy lives, and hold onto hope in Jesus.

WEEK 1

OUR IDENTITY AND HOPE IN JESUS

READ 1 PETER 1:1-12

Together, read the reading out loud, taking it in turns.

- Remember it's ok to pass and to just listen



KEY POINTS

- Christians are chosen, loved, and secure in God.
- Our hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus.
- Trials refine our faith rather than destroy it.
- Hope changes how we face suffering.

DISCUSSION

1. What stands out to you about how Peter describes believers?
2. How does the phrase "living hope" speak to you right now?
3. Why do you think suffering is such a big theme in this letter?
4. How have you seen God grow your faith through hard times?
5. How can we encourage one another to hold onto hope this week?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for those facing challenges in your church or community.
- Thank Jesus for the hope of resurrection.



WEEK 1

JOURNAL

Discussion Notes

How will I apply this to my life?

Prayer points

WEEK 2

BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS

READ 1 PETER 1:13-2:3

Together, read the reading out loud, taking it in turns.

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KEY POINTS

- Holiness is about belonging to God.
- We are called to live differently because of Jesus.
- God's grace fuels transformation.
- Spiritual growth requires intentionality.

DISCUSSION

1. What does holiness look like in everyday life?
2. Why is it important to remember who we belong to?
3. What helps you grow spiritually?
4. What gets in the way of spiritual growth?
5. How can you become more like Jesus?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Invite the Holy Spirit to shape your hearts and habits.



WEEK 2

JOURNAL

Discussion Notes

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Prayer points

WEEK 3

OUR CALLING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

READ 1 PETER 2:4-12

Together, read the reading out loud, taking it in turns.

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KEY POINTS

- We are “living stones” being built into a spiritual house.
- Our identity is missional: chosen, royal, holy, and sent.
- The church exists to show the world who God is.
- Our lives point others to Jesus.

DISCUSSION

1. What do you think it means to be a “royal priesthood”?
2. How does identity shape mission?
3. Where do you see places for you to shine in your community?
4. How can we share faith naturally in everyday life?
5. What step could you take this week to live more missionally?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for your community and for boldness to share Jesus.



WEEK 3

JOURNAL

Discussion Notes

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Prayer points

WEEK 4

RESPONDING TO DIFFICULTY LIKE JESUS

READ 1 PETER 3:8-18

Together, read the reading out loud, taking it in turns.

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KEY POINTS

- Christians are called to bless, not retaliate.
- We should always be ready to give a reason for our hope.
- Jesus is our model in suffering.
- Our response to hardship can draw others to God.

DISCUSSION

1. Why is it hard to respond with grace?
2. How can we prepare to talk about our faith?
3. What does it mean to share hope “with gentleness and respect”?
4. Where do you see suffering in your community?
5. How can God use hardship for good?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for courage, gentleness, and faithfulness in challenging situations.



WEEK 4

JOURNAL

Discussion Notes

How will I apply this to my life?

Prayer points

WEEK 5

LEADERSHIP, HUMILITY, AND PERSEVERANCE

READ 1 PETER 5

Together, read the reading out loud, taking it in turns.

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KEY POINTS

- Leadership in the church is about serving.
- Humility protects and strengthens us.
- The enemy seeks to discourage and distract.
- God restores and strengthens us.

DISCUSSION

1. What kind of leadership helps people grow?
2. Why is humility so powerful?
3. How can we resist discouragement and spiritual attack?
4. Where do you need God's strengthening right now?
5. How might you share your testimony with others?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for unity and perseverance.
- Pray for where Jesus might be leading you to serve in the church



WEEK 5

JOURNAL

Discussion Notes

How will I apply this to my life?

Prayer points



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**WRITTEN WITH GRATEFUL THANKS FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ATTEND THE BIBLE STUDY ON A MONDAY.
EACH ONE OF YOU INSPIRE ME TO BE AUTHENTICALLY ME.
I LOVE YOU ALL.**

