

Community Group Discussion Guide

1 Peter 1:1-12

(Week of January 1, 2023)

Getting to know you

1. What does it mean to compromise on your convictions?
2. Looking back at the sermon from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, was reminded of, or was a big take away for you?
3. Take a few minutes and read aloud 1 Peter 1:1-12

Getting into the text:

4. In verses 1-2 we are presented with two truths that we must unpack.
 1. What does it mean to be God's elect people?
Explain the doctrine of election as you understand it today.
The term Foreknowledge refers to God knowing all things beginning in eternity past. How does knowing this encourage or challenge you concerning salvation? (Read Ephesians 1:4, Romans 5:6-10, 2 Thessalonians 2:13)
 2. What is Peter referring to by addressing the people of God as exiles?
How does living for Jesus today make us exiles in our current world?
What does he mean that Christians are considered "The Dispersion"? (Read Philippians 3:20)
 3. What role does the Trinity play in securing our salvation as described in verse 2?
Peter uses Old Testament terminology "To be Sprinkled with blood".
(See Exodus 24:8, Hebrews 10:22, 1 John 1:7) How is this applied to New Testament Believers?
5. In the midst of a hostile world filled with suffering, and persecution, how and why should believers embrace both the new births and a living hope? (Read & reflect on 1 Peter 1:3-5)
6. According to verse 6-7 as followers of Christ we will face trials, however our trials are producing something in us. Take time to discuss how your own sufferings and trials have shaped you and or shaping your faith in God.
 1. How does Peter's teaching in these verse conflict with popular Christian teaching of the good and blessed life? Is it possible to experience the blessing of God while also suffering with personal trials and grief?
7. The following verses 8-9 highlights our faith in God, our common salvation, the revelation of Jesus in our lives. How can we encourage one another with this truth (Christ has risen) and how can advance or faith to others?
8. Verse 10-12 point us back to the old prophets who looked for the coming Messiah to bring salvation to many. (See Isaiah 54-55, Psalm 22:1-31, Hebrews 1:1-2). How does knowledge that God was at work in the Old Testament, build your faith and confidence in God, how does this give you living hope?

Close in Prayer: