

Shaping Our Time Together...

Use the following tools to dig into the passage together. The purpose is not just to answer questions but to use these tools to handle God's word well.



What shines from the passage- something new or fresh? What stuck out for you and what surprises were there?



Did these verses raise any questions as you read? How is God calling you to think differently?



Where do you see something of the Father, Son or Holy Spirit?



Make it Personal: What is it telling you to do, commit to or challenges you for an obedient response? How is God changing what I love?



What is there from these verses that you would want to share with someone- Christian, family member or non-Christian?



Why are these verses in the Bible? How do they fit into the Bible's big story?



Try Praying with your Bible open. Where in the passage is there something to..

ADORE- What did you learn about God for which you should praise or thank him?

ADMIT- What did you learn about yourself for which you could repent?

ASPIRE- What did you learn about life that you could aspire to ask for and act on?

Small Group Dates

Week 1 Beginning 13th January

Certain Future, Joyful Present

1 Peter 1: 1-12

Week 2 Beginning 27th January

Loving Christ By Loving Your Church

1 Peter 1: 13-2:3

Week 3 Beginning 10th February

The Greatest Building

1 Peter 2:4-12

Week 4 Beginning 24th February

In His Footsteps

1 Peter 2 : 13-3:7

Week 5 Beginning 10th March

Christ Also Suffered

1 Peter 3: 8-4:6

Week 6 Beginning 24th March

Stand Firm, for the end is at hand

1 Peter 4: 7-5:14



Small Groups



1 Peter

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2: 21

Engage

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At Small Group...

- we grow together as disciples as we dig into God's word and pray for each other.
- we care for each other as disciples sharing life and committing to one another.
- we send each other out as disciples encouraged to love and follow Jesus in our day to day lives.



Why Study 1 Peter?

Here is a letter written to churches like ours, about a time such as ours. Peter's first letter is one we need to read, treasure and believe in our day, because the post-Christian societies many of us live in now are very much like the pre-Christian society in which Peter's first-century readers lived then. Here is a letter for today.

Like the Christians in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) to whom Peter was writing, most of us don't face universal, state-sponsored persecution at this time—but we are encountering the reality of increasing hostility toward anything Christian as we live in a culture in which we are likely to be discriminated against simply because we identify with Christ.

We need Peter to teach us how to face the reality that following Christ and obeying what he commands makes us different— we are aliens and strangers in a foreign land. We need to learn how to endure unjust suffering in a society where Christianity is unwelcome.

We need to remember what the identity and purpose of our local churches are in communities that see them as irrelevant. We need to learn how to live with joy and hope and love when we are mocked and maligned and misunderstood because of what we believe and how we live.

And in order to live like that, we need to be reminded of the “true grace of God” in which we can, and must, “stand firm” (5 v 12).

These six studies will excite you, reassure you and challenge you about your life now, as Peter shows you how to live well on the way home to your inheritance that (unlike everything in this world) is “imperishable, undefiled, and unfading” (1 v 4).

1 Peter 5:6-7 “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

If you would like to read some Bible notes on the passages why not read here on the Website of Torrance Parish Church.

www.torranceparishchurch.org.uk/the-word-of-god/daily-bible-reading-notes/

or there is a free online commentary by Sam Storms here

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/1-peter>

