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1 Peter 1:1–2 | Thomas Slager

Welcome back everyone! We are super excited to begin our sermon series in 1 Peter. As Thomas shared on Sunday, the theme of the letter is, "Standing Firm in God's Grace," and this week's questions serve as an introduction to the book. As a helpful guide and in anticipation of questions you may get from your group, consider this popular site for your preparation: [Questions about 1 Peter.](#)

Note: You might want to continue doing some "get to know" type questions and activities in addition to the following questions. Build relationships and cultivate a sense of connection and community. This will enrich your time in God's word. And remember, the questions focus on our spiritual growth pathway of **Growing in Our Faith, Connecting and Community, and Living on Mission** (being God's witnesses here, near, and far)

1 Peter 1:1–2 Discussion

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2 and 5:12. Peter is writing a letter to Believers. Who is he writing to, and for what purpose?
2. Thomas shared a bit of Peter's life while walking with Jesus (i.e., walking on water - Matt. 14:22-33; being at the Mount of Transfiguration - Matt. 17, denying the Lord the night He was betrayed - Matt. 26:69-75; and, being restored to ministry - Jn 21:15-17). What lessons, affection, or appreciation do you have for Peter?
3. Let's look at the restoration of Peter in John 21 above. What stands out to you? What questions does the passage raise for you? Why is this passage significant in Peter's ministry? For your ministry?

CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY

4. Thomas said Peter's life was a testament that no one is too far gone. What did he mean by that? Have you ever thought that someone was too far or too sinful for God to ever reach? Can you think of a Bible verse that proves that is not true? Who in your life has proved that God can reach anyone?
5. Peter is going to give those whom he is writing to a picture of grace in this letter. What is God's grace? Is there a conflict between living by faith and grace and living by your abilities to guide and structure your life?

LIVING ON MISSION

6. In Matt. 16, two of the key questions Jesus asked Peter were, "Who do people say that I am", and "who do you say I am"? Do you know what people around you think about Jesus? Why is that important? How do we find out what people around us think about Jesus? How would you correct someone if they had an incorrect view of who Jesus is?