

1 & 2 P E T E R  
L I V I N G   H O P E







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# W E L C O M E

God's Word is flawless (Proverbs 30:5); it is from Him (2 Timothy 3:16); it is right (Psalm 33:4); it gives us hope (Psalm 119:49), and it builds us up (Acts 20:32). Just right there you have five terrific reasons to dive deeply into God's Word!

My great hope as you engage in the stirring and powerful New Testament books of 1 & 2 Peter is that His Word will grip your heart, and that you will be built up by His Word of grace. Enjoy the inheritance received by being in His gracious Scriptures!

I am so grateful for Highland's love of the Word. I am so grateful for the labors of authorship, editing, and love that produced this Highland curriculum. And I am grateful that the Father has given His Son, His Spirit, and His Word to His people.

Joyfully yours,

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# THE INDUCTIVE STUDY METHOD

***A method of study that uses the Bible as its primary source and follows three steps:***

**1. *Observation:*** answers the question, “What does the text say?”

- a. “*Interrogate the text*” as you read, by asking the five W’s and an H: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How?
- b. As you read a passage, look for or mark *key words and phrases*. A key word or phrase is one that is repeated throughout a passage; if it were removed, the meaning of the text would be lost. You can also mark references to time, geographic locations, contrasts & comparisons, and terms of conclusion.
- c. *Make a list*. List your observations of the key word(s) that you marked. At this stage you are not recording what you think the text means, but simply what it says.

**2. *Interpretation:*** answers the question, “What does the text mean?”

- a. Consider the context: We interpret passages by looking at surrounding verses, chapters, and ultimately the whole counsel of God’s Word. Historical and cultural context is also key to determining the meaning of a passage.
- b. Cross-references: Scripture itself is best at interpreting Scripture. The Bible never contradicts itself. When a verse or passage interests you or is difficult to understand, looking up other passages can add to your understanding. You can find cross-references by looking in the margin of your study Bible or by using one of the study tools we recommend in the Appendix.
- c. Word studies: The Bible was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic. Often the English language cannot capture the depth of meaning that was originally intended by the author. Looking up a word or phrase in the original language can shed light on the author’s intended meaning.

**3. *Application:*** answers the questions, “What does the passage reveal about God?” and “How does this passage apply to my life?”

This step involves having a heart that not only seeks to discern God's Word, but also to let it "discern" us. *"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* (Heb. 4:12)

# THE STRUCTURE OF THIS STUDY

## F O R   D E E P E R   U N D E R S T A N D I N G

This section includes **optional** tools to use as you observe the primary text for the week, such as marking and listing key words and phrases. If you choose to mark key words, feel free to use the colors and/or symbols of your choice.

## H O M E W O R K

Days 1-4 are dedicated to observation and interpretation. The more time you spend observing a passage, the easier it will be to interpret. At the beginning of each week's lesson (Weeks 2-11) you will find a print-out of the primary chapter(s) for the week.

## F O R   F U R T H E R   S T U D Y

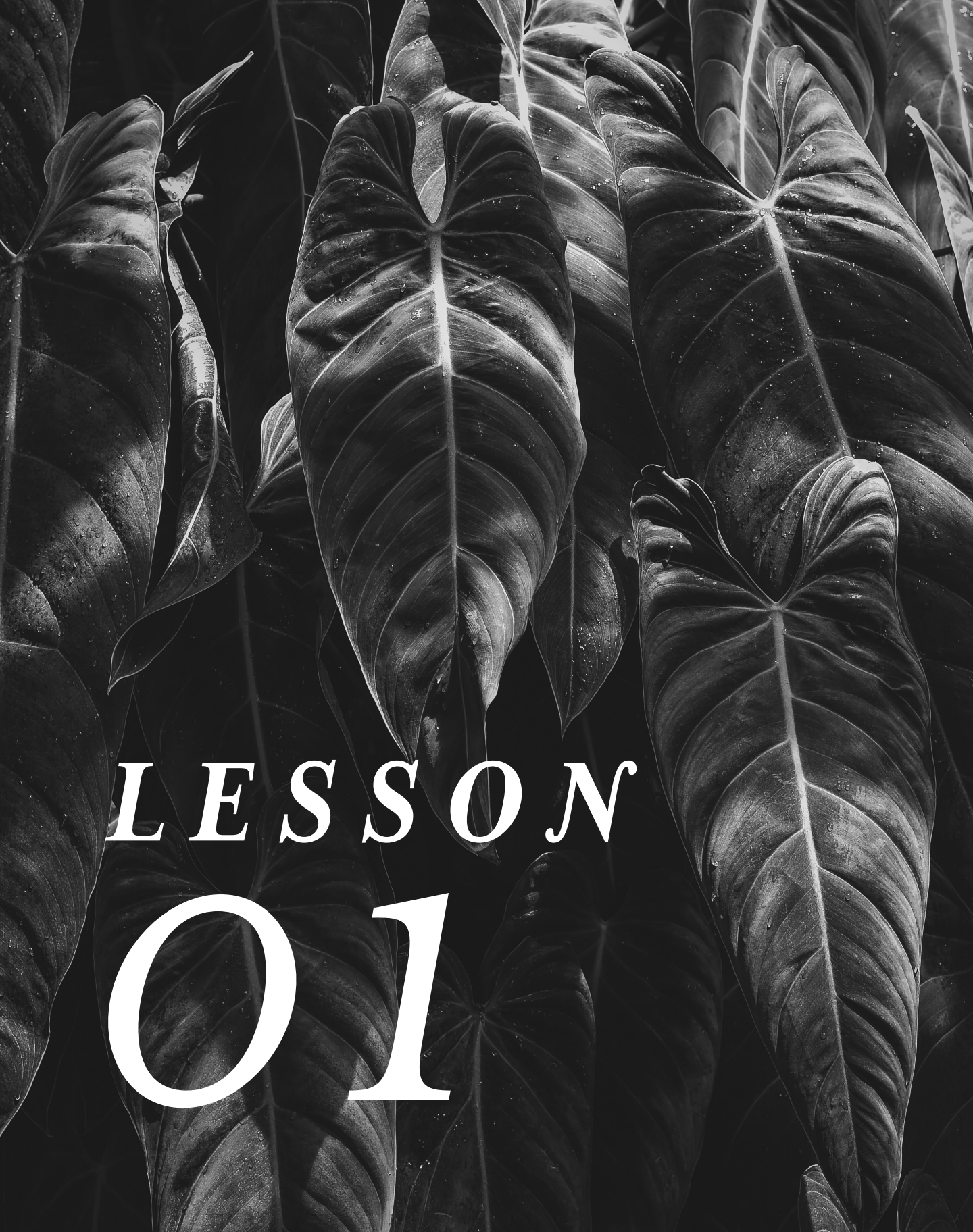
This is a second **optional** section with additional cross-references and words studies. We recommend using [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org) or [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com) .

## D A Y   F I V E

Day 5 contains application questions for you to work through on your own after completing the homework. These questions will then be covered during your table discussion.

## LESSON ONE

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# DAY ONE

At the beginning of His three years of earthly ministry, Jesus called to Himself twelve men who would be His disciples. The disciples would follow Jesus, learn from Him, and be trained by Him. One of those men was Peter, also called Simon.

1. Read the following verses and record what you learn about Peter and his calling to follow Jesus.

Mark 1:16-18

Mark 1:21-22, 29-31

Luke 5:1-11

John 1:35-44

Read Matthew 16:13-20 and answer the following questions.

2. Who were the people saying Jesus was? (vv. 13-14)

3. Who did Peter say Jesus was? (v. 16)

4. Summarize Jesus's response to Peter's declaration about Himself. (vv. 17-19)

Read Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 5:35-43, and Mark 14:32-42.

5. What do you notice in these passages about the relationship of Peter to Jesus?

Spend the rest of your study time today reading 1 Peter 1-2.

## DAY TWO

We saw yesterday in our study that not only was Peter one of the twelve disciples called by Jesus to follow Him, but Peter was also one of the three Jesus called to be closest to Himself. Peter had a front-row seat to the life, teaching, and miracles of Jesus.

1. Read Matthew 26:30-35. Record the two responses Peter had to Jesus's declaration on the night of His betrayal that the disciples would all fall away because of Him.

2. Read the following Gospel accounts of Peter's denial of Jesus. In the chart below, record the actions/words/response of Peter and the response of Jesus, when given.

LUKE 22:54-62	JOHN 18:15-27

Spend the rest of your study time today reading 1 Peter 3-4.

## DAY THREE

After His resurrection, Jesus was intentional about restoring His relationship with Peter and re-establishing Peter as a leader among His disciples.

1. Read John 21:1-19 and record what you learn about Jesus's restoration of Peter.

2. Read the following cross-references and record what you learn about the role of Peter (also called Cephas) in the Church after the ascension of Jesus.

Acts 1:12-17

Acts 2:1-4, 14-15

Acts 2:37-41

Acts 4:5-12

Galatians 1:15-18

Galatians 2:7-10

Spend the rest of your study time today reading 1 Peter 5 and 2 Peter 1.

## DAY FOUR

Peter wrote to the Church to encourage them to have hope and remain faithful in times of trials and persecution.

1. Read the following cross-references and record what you learn about trials and tribulations.

Acts 14:21-22

John 16:33

1 Thessalonians 3:1-3

James 1:2-4

1 Peter 1:6-7

2. Look up the Greek word translated “tribulation” in John 16:33 and record what you learn below.

3. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about persecution and our response to it.

Matthew 5:10-12

2 Timothy 3:12

1 Peter 3:14-17

1 Peter 4:12-14

4. Why was Peter able to encourage the persecuted church? Read Acts 4:5-10, 18-20 and Acts 5:40-42 to help with your answer.

Spend the rest of your study time today reading 2 Peter 2-3.



# DAY FIVE

## *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. What truth from the Word can you cling to when you feel like you have dishonored the Lord by your words or your actions?
4. As we begin our study of the books of 1 and 2 Peter, answer the following questions:

What comes to mind when you think about the books of 1 and 2 Peter?

What do you hope to gain from our study this semester?

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## LESSON TWO

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

1 Peter 1:3



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# 1 PETER 1 : 1 - 12

## GREETING

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

## BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE

<sup>3</sup> **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you

believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.





# *LESSON*

## *TWO*

### *CHAPTER*

#### *ONE*

#### FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read **1 Peter 1:1-12**, mark  
references to the following:

God

Jesus/ Christ

Holy Spirit

Hope

Rejoice

Faith

Trials/sufferings

Salvation

Grace

Glory

References to time

References to geographic locations

## DAY ONE

### *Observe*

Read all of 1 Peter 1:1-12, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.
2. Begin a list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize 1 Peter 1:3.



BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! ACCORDING  
TO HIS GREAT MERCY, HE HAS CAUSED  
US TO BE BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING  
HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION  
OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,”

## DAY TWO

### *Observe*

Read 1 Peter 1:1-12.

1. Who wrote the book of 1 Peter and how is he described? (v. 1)
2. Describe the recipients of Peter's letter? (vv. 1-2)
3. What did God do according to His great mercy and how did He accomplish it? (v. 3)
4. Describe the inheritance of believers. (v. 4)
5. What further insight do we learn about the recipients in verse 5?
6. What is the result of the testing of our faith by trials? (vv. 6-7)

7. How is our faith described? (v. 7)

8. What causes us to rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory? (vv. 8-9)

9. What did the prophets search and inquire carefully about? (vv. 10-12)

10. What was revealed to the prophets? (v. 12)

# DAY THREE

## *Interpret*

Read 1 Peter 1:1-5.

The word “elect” in 1 Peter 1:1 is the Greek word “eklektos” and it means “to be picked out or chosen.”

1. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about being the elect/chosen.

Romans 8:33

Colossians 3:12-13

2 Timothy 2:10

1 Peter 2:9

2. Look up the following words from verse 2 in the original Greek. Record the definitions that most fit with the context in the space below.

Foreknowledge

Sanctification

Obedience

3. Consider the definitions and cross-references above. How do they add to your understanding of 1 Peter 1:2?

***For Further Study***

Why do you think Peter began his letter with the truth that believers temporarily live in a world that is not their home? Look up the Greek word translated “exiles” in 1 Peter 1:1. Then look up the following cross-references concerning a believer’s citizenship to help you with your answer.

John 15:19

Philippians 3:20-21

Hebrews 11:13-16

1 Peter 2:11

# DAY FOUR

## *Interpret*

Read 1 Peter 1:6-12.

Peter continues his letter by reminding those who are saved that trials have a purpose.

1. Look up the following words from 1 Peter 1:6-7 in the original Greek. Record the definitions that most fit with the context in the space below.

Rejoice

Grieved

Trials

Tested genuineness

2. How do these definitions add to your understanding of 1 Peter 1:6-7?

3. Read 1 Peter 1:10-12 again. Peter made a point that his teaching was not new but had been foretold previously by the prophets. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about those who spoke beforehand.

Matthew 13:10-17

Hebrews 11:32-40



## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. Think about a time of trial or suffering in your life. How would you describe your faith in that season? Why would you describe it this way?
4. Spend some time rejoicing in the hope you have of one day seeing Jesus face to face. Confess to Him any situation or circumstance that has caused your attitude to not be one of rejoicing.

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## LESSON THREE

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“He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

1 Peter 1:20-21



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# 1 PETER 1:13-25

## **CALLED TO BE HOLY**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> **He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.**

<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.



# 1 PETER 2:1-3

## A LIVING STONE AND A HOLY PEOPLE

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.



# *LESSON THREE CHAPTER ONE & TWO*

## **FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING**

As you read **1 Peter 1:13-2:3**, mark references to the following:

God

Jesus/ Christ

Hope

Faith

Holy

Salvation

Grace

Glory

References to time

References to geographic locations



## DAY ONE

### *Observe*

Read all of 1 Peter 1:13-2:3, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.
2. Add to your list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize 1 Peter 1:20-21.



HE WAS FOREKNOWN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD BUT WAS MADE MANIFEST IN THE LAST TIMES FOR THE SAKE OF YOU <sup>21</sup> WHO THROUGH HIM ARE BELIEVERS IN GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD AND GAVE HIM GLORY, SO THAT YOUR FAITH AND HOPE ARE IN GOD.”

# DAY TWO

## *Observe*

Read 1 Peter 1:13-2:3.

1. What three things are we called to do, according to verse 13?
2. As Christ's obedient children what are we not to do? (v. 14)
3. How can we be holy? (vv. 15-16)
4. How should the recipients conduct themselves in their exile? (v. 17)
5. From what were we ransomed? (v. 18)
6. How were we ransomed? (vv. 18-19)

7. How is Jesus described in verses 20-21?

8. How are the believers described? (vv. 20-21)

9. What do you learn about the Word in verses 22-25?

10. What are we to put away? (1 Peter 2:1)

11. What are we to long for? (v. 2)

# DAY THREE

## *Interpret*

Read 1 Peter 1:13-21.

1. Peter uses the word “hope” for the second time in his letter in v. 13. Look up the Greek word translated “hope” in verse 13 and record what you learn below.

2. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about this hope.

Acts 23:6

Romans 5:2

Romans 12:12

Colossians 1:27

1 Peter 1:3

3. In the chart below, record the words and phrases from 1 Peter 1:14-19 that compare our conduct before Christ with how we are to act in Christ now.

BEFORE CHRIST	IN CHRIST

4. Read 1 Peter 1:20 again. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about God’s activity before the foundation of the world.

John 17:24

Acts 2:22-24

Ephesians 1:4-5

2 Timothy 1:9

Revelation 13:8

# DAY FOUR

## *Interpret*

Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3.

1. Look up the following words from verse 22 in the original Greek. Record the definitions that most fit with the context in the space below.

Sincere

Brotherly love

Earnestly

2. How do these definitions add to your understanding of how we are to love one another in 1 Peter 1:22?

3. How are we able to love one another in this way? (vv. 22-23)

4. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about our longing for God and His Word.

Psalm 42:1

Psalm 63:1

Psalm 84:2

Psalm 119:20

Matthew 5:6



## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. What are you doing to cultivate a longing for God and for His Word?
4. Spend some time responding to what God has called you to lay aside and to put on this week. Use the space below to record your prayer.

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## LESSON FOUR

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“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9



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# 1 PETER 2 : 4 - 10

## A LIVING STONE AND A HOLY PEOPLE

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> **But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.** <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



# *LESSON*

## *FOUR*

### *CHAPTER*

#### *TWO*

#### FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read **1 Peter 2:4-10**, mark  
references to the following:

God

Jesus

The word

Believe

Stone

Priesthood

Mercy

Chosen

References to time

References to geographic locations



## DAY ONE

### *Observe*

Read all of 1 Peter 2:4-10, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.
2. Add to your list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize 1 Peter 2:9.



BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT.”

## DAY TWO

### *Observe*

Read 1 Peter 2:4-10.

1. How is Jesus described? (v. 4)
2. What is happening to believers as living stones and why? (v. 5)
3. How are spiritual sacrifices seen as acceptable by God? (v. 5)
4. What happens for those who believe in the cornerstone? (vv. 6-7)
5. What happens for those who do not believe in the cornerstone? (vv. 7-8)
6. How are believers in Jesus described? (v. 9)
7. What are believers in Jesus to set out to do? (v. 9)
8. What two transformations take place for believers in Jesus? (v. 10)

## DAY THREE

### ***Interpret***

1. In this passage there are multiple mentions of the “cornerstone.” Look up the Greek word for “cornerstone” and record its definition below.

Cornerstone

2. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the cornerstone and God’s people being the house of God.

Ephesians 2:20-22

Hebrews 3:4, 6

3. Look up the following cross-reference and record what you learn about how the cornerstone serves as a stumbling block for non-believers.

Isaiah 8:11-15

### ***For Further Study***

Read Isaiah 28:14-18. What do you learn about the prophecy of Jesus as the cornerstone?

## DAY FOUR

### *Interpret*

1. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about spiritual sacrifices for believers in Jesus.

Romans 12:1

Ephesians 5:2

Philippians 4:18

Hebrews 12:28

Hebrews 13:15

2. Peter uses four descriptions of believers in Jesus in verse 9. Read the following cross-references and record what you learn about God's people and His relationship with them.

**CHOSEN RACE**

DEUTERONOMY 10:15	ISAIAH 43:20-21

**ROYAL PRIESTHOOD**

ISAIAH 61:6	REVELATION 5:9-10

**HOLY NATION**

EXODUS 19:5-6	ISAIAH 62:11-12

**A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION**

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-10	MALACHI 3:17-18

## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. This week, we learned about spiritual sacrifices to God as believers in Jesus. List some practical steps you will take to invest more intentionally in one or more of the spiritual sacrifices you studied this week.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. In the space below, record a prayer of response to what you have studied this week regarding your being a part of God's "chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, and a people for His own possession."



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## LESSON FIVE

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“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 2:24

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# 1 PETER 2 : 11 - 25

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

## SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY

<sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by Him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

<sup>18</sup> Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for

you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. <sup>23</sup> When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> **He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.**

<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

# 1 PETER 3 : 1 - 7

## WIVES AND HUSBANDS

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives,<sup>2</sup> when they see your respectful and pure conduct.<sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—<sup>4</sup> but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.<sup>5</sup> For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands,<sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

<sup>7</sup> Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.



*LESSON*  
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FOR DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING

As you read **1 Peter 2:11-3:7**, mark  
references to the following:

God

Jesus/ Christ

Any type of earthly ruler

Be subject

Good/ do good

Gentle

Wives

Husbands

References to time

## DAY ONE

### *Observe*

Read all of 1 Peter 2:11-3:7, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.
2. Add to your list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize 1 Peter 2:24.



HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN  
HIS BODY ON THE TREE, THAT WE  
MIGHT DIE TO SIN AND LIVE TO  
RIGHTEOUSNESS. BY HIS WOUNDS  
YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED.”

# DAY TWO

## *Observe*

Read 1 Peter 2:11-25.

1. How does Peter describe the beloved? (v. 11)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does Peter urge the beloved to do and for what purpose? (vv. 11-12)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Peter writes that believers should be subject to what and to whom? (vv. 13-14)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. List the five commands Peter makes for believers in verses 16 and 17.
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5. What type of masters does Peter call servants to be subject to? (v. 18)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Why is it important to endure suffering that is unjust? (vv. 19-20)



7. What did Christ do for us as believers and why? (v. 21)
8. How did Jesus respond to being reviled and threatened? (v. 23)
9. What did Jesus do for us on the tree? (v. 24)
10. What do believers receive as a result of Jesus's sacrifice? (v. 24)

# DAY THREE

## *Observe*

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7.

1. What word is used to connect chapter 2 to chapter 3? (v. 1)
2. How does Peter describe the conduct of wives that will be a witness to their husbands? (v. 2)
3. What type of adorning does Peter suggest is best for wives to focus on? (vv. 3-4)
4. Who is said to have submitted to their husbands in the ways described in verses 2-4? (v. 5)
5. What word is used to connect the call on husbands' behavior to the call on wives' behavior? (v. 7)
6. What two things does Peter specifically say that husbands ought to do in living with their wives? (v. 7)
7. What phrase does Peter use to describe the shared connection that husbands have with their wives? (v. 7)
8. What consequence exists for husbands who do not live with their wives in the way Peter describes? (v. 7)

# DAY FOUR

## *Interpret*

1. The Greek word for submitting oneself is “hypotasso.” This is used in four places in 1 Peter 2:11-3:7. Look up this word and record its definition below.

Hypotasso

2. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about submission. In each instance, record who is submitting or being called to submit and to whom the submission is being made.

Ephesians 5:15-21

. James 4:7

1 Peter 5:5

3. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about why Christians can confidently and faithfully submit to those in authority.

Job 12:23-24

Psalm 22:28

. Romans 13:1-2

Colossians 1:15-17

4. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the submission of Jesus.

Luke 22:42, 23:46

John 10:17-18

1 Corinthians 15:27-28

Hebrews 5:7-8

***For Further Study***

This passage in 1 Peter 3 talks about the roles of husbands and wives. Read the following passages in Scripture that set out how husbands and wives are to interact with one another. Then record all of the expectations that are listed for Christian husbands and wives.

	HUSBANDS	WIVES
EPHESIANS 5:22-33		
COLOSSIANS 3:18-19		

## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. What have you learned about submission this week?
4. How do you typically respond in situations that might require you to submit to an authority?
5. What will you do this week to grow in submission to the Lord?

6. Spend some time in prayer:

a. Confess and ask forgiveness for times when you have not submitted to the Lord or to others in authority.

b. Express your gratitude for His forgiveness and grace.

c. Praise Him that he submitted to God and made a way for you to have a relationship with God.

d. Commit your ways to Him and ask Him to help you grow in submission to Him.

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## LESSON SIX

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“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”

1 Peter 3:15



*LESSON*

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# 1 PETER 3 : 8 - 22

## SUFFERING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For

“Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;  
<sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.  
<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and His ears are open to their prayer.  
But the face of the Lord is against those  
who do evil.”

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> **but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,** <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better

to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.



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## DAY ONE

### *Observe*

Read all of 1 Peter 3:8-22, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.
2. Add to your list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize 1 Peter 3:15.



BUT IN YOUR HEARTS HONOR  
CHRIST THE LORD AS HOLY,  
ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE  
A DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO ASKS  
YOU FOR A REASON FOR THE HOPE  
THAT IS IN YOU; YET DO IT WITH  
GENTLENESS AND RESPECT,”

## DAY TWO

*For this week's study we will practice the spiritual discipline of prayer.*

Read 1 Peter 3:8-12.

Today our focus will be the attitudes of our hearts.

Look at the page in the appendix titled “How to look up a cross-reference.” Find at least three passages that highlight the attitudes of the heart, such as 1 Peter 3:8-12. Write down the references that you find and what you learn from them in the space below.

1.

2.

3.

As you are able, get on your knees before the Lord. In prayer, respond to what God has taught you today through His Word.



## DAY THREE

Read 1 Peter 3:13-17.

Today our focus will be on the responses of our hearts.

Look at the page in the appendix titled “How to look up a cross-reference.” Find at least three passages that highlight our response to suffering for righteousness’ sake, such as 1 Peter 3:14-15. Write down the references that you find and what you learn from them in the space below.

1.

2.

3.

As you are able, get on your knees before the Lord. In prayer, respond to what God has taught you today through His Word.

## DAY FOUR

Read 1 Peter 3:18-22.

Today, our focus will be on our ultimate triumph in Christ.

Look at the page in the appendix titled, “How to look up a cross-reference.” Find at least three passages that highlight Christ’s ultimate triumph, as in 1 Peter 3:18. Write down the references that you find and what you learn from them in the space below.

1.

2.

3.

As you are able, get on your knees before the Lord. In prayer, respond to what God has taught you today through His Word.

## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. How have you been convicted this week regarding the attitudes or responses of your heart?
4. How have you been encouraged this week by Christ's ultimate triumph?

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## LESSON SEVEN

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“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4:8



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# 1 P E T E R 4

## STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <sup>2</sup> so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. <sup>3</sup> For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. <sup>4</sup> With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; <sup>5</sup> but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup> **Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.** <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

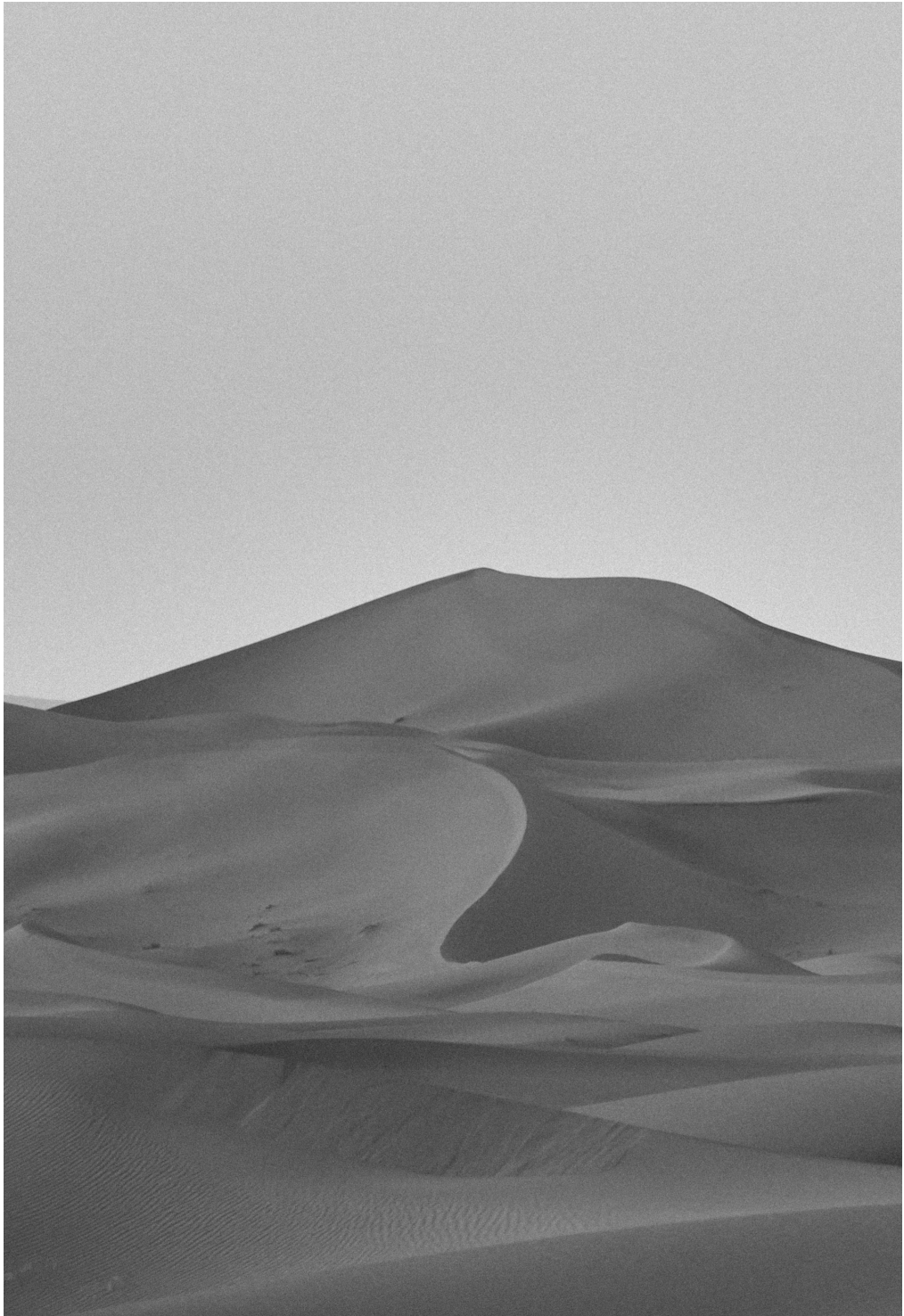
## SUFFERING AS A CHRISTIAN

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.





# *LESSON SEVEN CHAPTER FOUR*

## **FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING**

As you read **1 Peter 4**, mark  
references to the following:

God

Jesus/ Christ

Spirit

Flesh

Trials/sufferings

Salvation

Glory

One Another

References to time

References to geographic locations

# DAY ONE

## *Observe*

Read all of 1 Peter 4, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.
2. Add to your list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize 1 Peter 4:8.



ABOVE ALL, KEEP LOVING ONE  
ANOTHER EARNESTLY, SINCE  
LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF  
SINS.”

## DAY TWO

### *Observe*

Read 1 Peter 4:1-6.

1. How does Peter say that Christ has suffered? (v. 1)
2. With what does he say we should arm ourselves? (v. 1)
3. How should we now live our lives in the flesh? (v. 2)
4. What does Peter say the Gentiles “wanted” to do? (v. 3)
5. What is their response when the believers do not join them in their debauchery? (v. 4)
6. To whom will Gentiles give an account? (v. 5)
7. Why was the gospel preached even to those who were dead? (v. 6)

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11

8. What does Peter say is at hand? (v. 7)

9. Why does he instruct them to be sober minded? (v. 7)

10. What should they do above all and why? (v. 8)

11. How does Peter instruct them to use their gifts? (v. 10)

12. What is the result of using their gifts in this way? (v. 11)

## DAY THREE

### *Observe*

Read 1 Peter 4:12-19.

1. Of what does Peter tell them to not be surprised? (v. 12)
2. Why should they rejoice and be glad? (v. 13)
3. Why are they blessed if they are insulted for the name of Christ? (v. 14)
4. What should those who suffer as Christians do? (v. 16)
5. According to Peter, where is judgment to begin? (v. 17)
6. To whom should those who suffer entrust their souls? (v. 19)

### ***Interpret***

7. In 1 Peter 4:1 Peter tells us that as Christ suffered in the flesh, we are to arm (Greek “hoplizō”) ourselves with the same mind. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about how we might arm ourselves with the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16

Philippians 2:5-8

Philippians 4:8

Colossians 3:1-4

Peter makes the case that the transformed lives of the Christians would be confusing to the Gentiles and that they would be maligned for not joining “them in their flood of debauchery.”

8. Read Romans 6:5-14. How has the relationship to sin changed for those who have been united with Christ?

## DAY FOUR

### *Interpret*

1. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the commands to love one another.

John 13:34

John 15:12, 17

Romans 13:8

1 Thessalonians 4:9

1 John 4:7, 12



2. Look up the following cross references and record what you learn about using gifts to encourage other believers.

Romans 12:3-8

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Ephesians 4:4-16

3. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the product of suffering.

Isaiah 30:20-21

Romans 8:18

2 Corinthians 4:7-15, 16-18

James 1:2-4

## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. How have you armed yourself with the mind of Christ this week?
4. Describe a time when you used your gifts to serve others in order to glorify God.

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## LESSON EIGHT

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“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you,<sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:6-7

*LESSON*

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# 1 P E T E R 5

## **SHEPHERD THE FLOCK**

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. <sup>5</sup> Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

**<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and**

establish you. <sup>11</sup> To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **FINAL GREETINGS**

<sup>12</sup> By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. <sup>13</sup> She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.





# *LESSON*

## *EIGHT*

### *CHAPTER*

#### *FIVE*

#### FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read **1 Peter 5**, mark  
references to the following:

God

Jesus/ Christ

Humble/ humility

Trials/sufferings

Flock

Grace

Glory

One Another

Elder

Shepherd

References to time

References to geographic locations

# DAY ONE

## *Observe*

Read all of 1 Peter 5, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.

2. Add to your list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.

3. As you are able, memorize 1 Peter 5:6-7.



HUMBLE YOURSELVES, THEREFORE,  
UNDER THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD  
SO THAT AT THE PROPER TIME HE  
MAY EXALT YOU, <sup>7</sup> CASTING ALL YOUR  
ANXIETIES ON HIM, BECAUSE HE  
CARES FOR YOU.”

## DAY TWO

### *Observe*

Read 1 Peter 5:1-5.

1. By what means does Peter exhort the elders among the believers? (v. 1)

2. What does he exhort the elders to do? (v. 2)

3. How should they do it? (vv. 2-3)

4. What will they receive? (v. 4)

Read 1 Peter 5:5-14

5. How does he instruct those who are younger? (v. 5)

6. Who does God oppose? To whom does He give grace? (v. 5)

7. Why does he say they should humble themselves under the mighty hand of God? (v. 6)

8. Where does Peter tell them to cast their anxieties? Why? (v. 7)

9. Why does he tell them to be sober minded and watchful? (v. 8)

10. How are they to resist the devil? (v. 9)

11. Who is experiencing the same kind of suffering? (v. 9)

12. What will Christ do after they have suffered a little while? (v. 10)

13. What has Peter declared to the believers? What should they do with it? (v. 12)

## DAY THREE

### *Interpret*

Scan the QR code below and spend time today familiarizing yourself with the Highland elders. Pray for God's grace, wisdom, and protection on them, their wives, and their families. Choose one and send them a note of encouragement via email.



## DAY FOUR

### *Interpret*

Read 1 Peter 5:9 again. Scan the QR code below and read about the top 5 most dangerous countries to be a Christian. After each section there is a specific prayer point. Spend time praying for our brothers and sisters in these countries today.

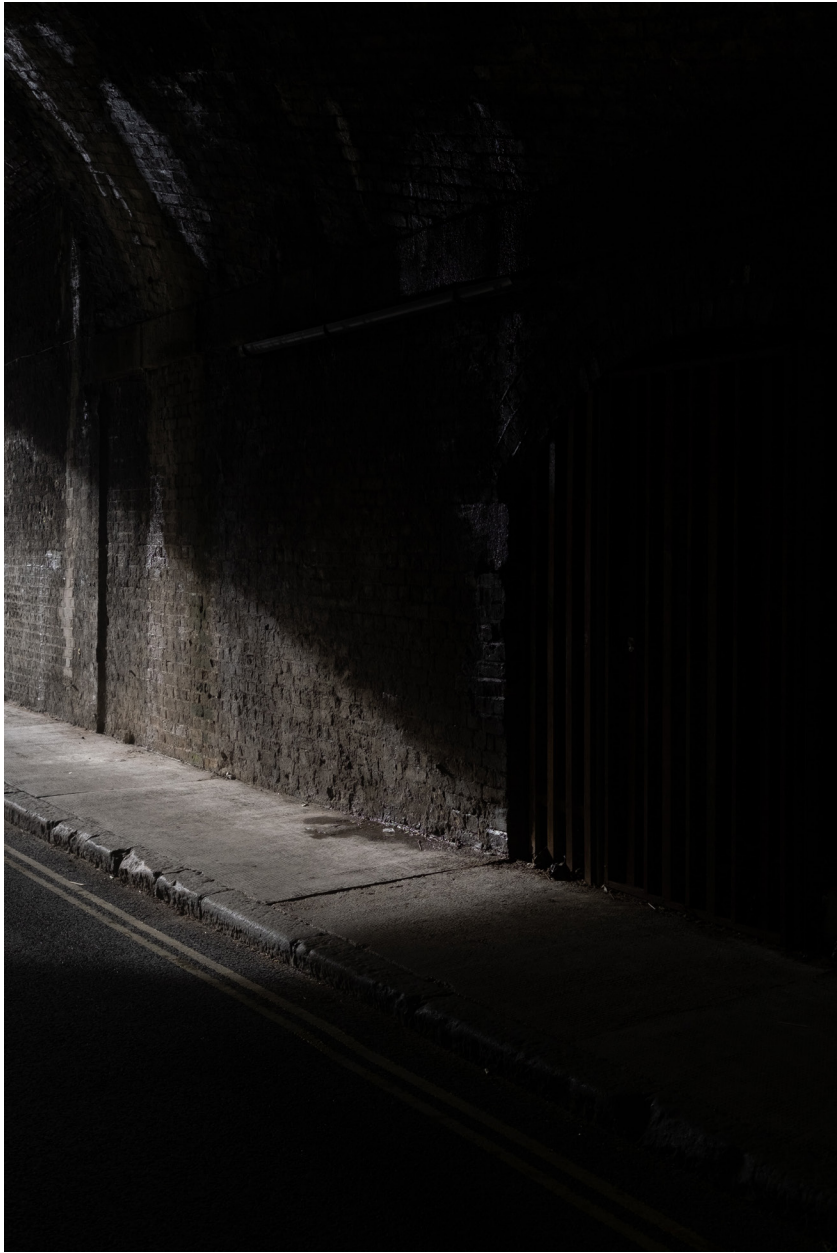


## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. How have you practiced clothing yourself in humility this week?
4. What areas of your life could you be more watchful and sober minded so as to resist the devil?





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## LESSON NINE

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“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence,”

2 Peter 1:3



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*09*

# 2 PETER 1

## GREETING

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

## CONFIRM YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION

<sup>3</sup> **His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence,**<sup>4</sup> by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,<sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,<sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being

ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.<sup>11</sup> For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.<sup>13</sup> I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,<sup>14</sup> since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.<sup>15</sup> And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

## CHRIST'S GLORY AND THE PROPHETIC WORD

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.<sup>17</sup> For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic



Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



# *LESSON*

# *NINE*

# *CHAPTER*

# *ONE*

## FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read **2 Peter 1**, mark  
references to the following:

God

Jesus/ Christ

Holy Spirit

Knowledge

Power

Qualities

Therefore

Remind/ reminder

Prophetic/ prophecy

References to time

References to geographic locations



## DAY ONE

### *Observe*

Read all of 2 Peter 1, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.
2. Add to your list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize 2 Peter 1:3.



HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED  
TO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN  
TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH  
THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO  
CALLED US TO HIS OWN GLORY AND  
EXCELLENCE,”

## DAY TWO

### *Observe*

Read 2 Peter 1:1-7.

1. How does Peter describe himself? (v. 1)
2. How does he greet the recipients of his letter? (vv. 1-2)
3. What has God's power granted in Christ? (v. 3)

How has it done so?

4. What do God's people become through His "precious and very great promises?" (v. 4)

Describe the implications of this promise as listed in verses 5-7.

Read 2 Peter 1:5-15.

5. What do these qualities do for the believers who possess them? (v. 8)

6. How does Peter describe the believer who does not possess these qualities? (v. 9)

7. What will be richly provided for believers in Christ? (v. 11)

8. Why does Peter seek to remind the recipients of his letter of these truths? (vv. 12-14)

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21.

9. What had Peter made known to these Christians? (v. 16)

10. What did he not follow in doing this? (v. 16)

11. How does Peter describe his eyewitness experience? (vv. 16-18)

12. What do we now have more fully confirmed? (v. 19)

13. How should we pay attention to this word?

14. What do we know about the prophecies of Scripture? (vv. 20-21)

### ***For Further Study***

Choose one or two of the qualities listed in 2 Peter 1:5-7. Using the margin of your study Bible, Blue Letter Bible, the Literal Word app, or another concordance, look up cross-references for that quality. Record what you learn in the space below.

## DAY THREE

### *Interpret*

1. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the calling of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:12

2 Thessalonians 2:14

2 Timothy 1:9

1 Peter 5:10

2. Look up the following cross-references and record how they add to your understanding of being “partakers of the divine nature.”

Ephesians 4:20-24

Hebrews 12:10-11

1 John 3:2-3

3. Look up the following words from 2 Peter 1:8 in the original Greek. Record the definitions that most fit with the context in the space below.

Increasing

Ineffective

Unfruitful

Knowledge

4. Consider the definitions above. How do they add to your understanding of 2 Peter 1:8?

5. Read 2 Peter 1:10 again. Then look up the following cross-references and record anything that adds to your understanding of Peter's exhortation.

2 Timothy 2:19

2 Peter 3:17-18

1 John 2:10

1 John 3:18-20

6. We see in 2 Peter 1:11 that believers in Christ will be richly provided with an entrance into the kingdom of heaven. Look up the following cross-references and record anything that helps you to better understand this promise.

Ephesians 1:7-10

Colossians 1:13

7. Finally, look up John 21:18-19. What had Jesus made clear to Peter (2 Peter 1:14)?

## DAY FOUR

### *Interpret*

1. Look up Mark 9:2-8 and then summarize the experience that Peter references in 2 Peter 1:17-18.

2. Read 1 Peter 1:10-12. Based on these verses, what do you think it means that “we now have the prophetic word more fully confirmed?”

3. Look up the following cross-references. Then record what you learn about the symbolism of paying attention to the lamp, the day dawning, and the morning star rising. (v. 19)

Isaiah 9:2

Malachi 4:2



Matthew 4:16

John 1:7-9

John 5:35

Revelation 2:28, 22:16

## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. Take some time to consider that through the righteousness of Christ, you have obtained a faith of equal standing with the apostle Peter (2 Peter 1:1). What does this stir up in your mind and heart? Does it evoke doubt, confusion, gratitude, love, joy, etc.? Why do you think that is?
4. Think of a recent significant event or interaction. Consider your thoughts, affections, or behaviors in that situation. Do any of the qualities from 2 Peter 2:5-7 seem to be lacking in you? If so, write them down below.

5. Use the space below to record a prayer of confession to the Lord (1 John 1:9). Then humbly ask Him to make the virtues mentioned in verses 5-7 increasingly yours, knowing that God's divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

6. Peter was not telling his readers something they had not heard before. He was "stirring them up by way of reminder." In what ways did Peter's words remind you of truth this week? How can you do the same for someone else this week?

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## LESSON TEN

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“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.”

2 Peter 2:1



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## 2 PETER 2

### FALSE PROPHETS AND TEACHERS

**But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.** <sup>2</sup> And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup> And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; <sup>5</sup> if He did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; <sup>6</sup> if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes He condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; <sup>7</sup> and if He rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup> (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); <sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the

unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, <sup>11</sup> whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. <sup>12</sup> But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, <sup>13</sup> suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. <sup>14</sup> They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! <sup>15</sup> Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, <sup>16</sup> but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

<sup>17</sup> These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. <sup>18</sup> For,



speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.<sup>19</sup> They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.<sup>20</sup> For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.<sup>21</sup> For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.<sup>22</sup> What the true proverb says has happened to them: “The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.”



# *LESSON*

## *TEN*

### *CHAPTER*

#### *TWO*

#### FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

As you read **2 Peter 2**, mark  
references to the following:

God

Jesus

False

Destruction/ destroyed

Blaspheme/ blasphemous

Righteous/ righteousness

Knowledge

Judgment

References to time

References to geographic locations

## DAY ONE

### *Observe*

Read all of 2 Peter 2, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.

1. Using one or two sentences, summarize the main points of this passage.
2. Add to your list of observations about God from this passage using the designated pages in the Appendix.
3. As you are able, memorize 2 Peter 2:1.



BUT FALSE PROPHETS ALSO AROSE  
AMONG THE PEOPLE, JUST AS  
THERE WILL BE FALSE TEACHERS  
AMONG YOU, WHO WILL SECRETLY  
BRING IN DESTRUCTIVE HERESIES,  
EVEN DENYING THE MASTER WHO  
BOUGHT THEM, BRINGING UPON  
THEMSELVES SWIFT DESTRUCTION.”

## DAY TWO

### *Observe*

Read 2 Peter 2:1-10.

1. Who will arise among those to whom Peter is writing? (v. 1)
  
2. What will these people do? (vv. 1-3)
  
3. How does Peter describe their condemnation and destruction? (v. 3)
  
4. In the space below, list the historical events that demonstrate God's judgment and mercy. (vv. 4-10a)  
  
verse 4  
  
verse 5  
  
verses 6-8
  
5. What does the Lord know how to do? (vv. 9-10)
  
6. What might remembering the past do for Peter's audience?

## DAY THREE

### *Observe*

Read 2 Peter 2:9-22.

1. In the space below, list everything you observe about the people He is keeping under punishment. The first is done for you. (vv. 10-22)

*v. 10 – indulge in the lust of defiling passion, despise authority, bold and willful, do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones*

2. Who do these people entice? (v. 18)

How do they entice them?

3. In verse 19 we see that these false teachers promise freedom but are themselves slaves of corruption. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about spiritual slavery and spiritual freedom.

John 8:34

Romans 6:12-19

Galatians 5:13

James 1:25

## DAY FOUR

### *Interpret*

1. In 2 Peter 2:4-8 Peter documents three different occasions for God's judgment and mercy recorded in the Old Testament. Look up the following cross-references and record how you see God rescuing the godly and keeping the unrighteous under punishment.

Genesis 6:1-8

Genesis 19:23-29

Matthew 25:41

Jude 6

Look up Matthew 7:15-23, then answer the following questions.

2. How would these false prophets come? (v. 15)

3. How would they be recognized? (v. 16)

4. How would the disciples recognize a “healthy tree?” (v. 17)

How would the disciples recognize a “diseased tree?”

5. What would happen to every tree that does not bear good fruit? (v. 19)

6. Review the list of observations that you made yesterday about false teachers (vv. 10-22). Underline any “fruit” listed that would indicate that a prophet is a “diseased tree.”

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21 again.

7. How does what you have studied this week about false prophets motivate you to pay closer attention to the prophetic word “more fully confirmed” in Christ?



## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God's character this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. Consider the qualities of the false prophets described in 2 Peter 2. Ask the Lord to grow your ability to discern truth from error.
4. In the space below record a prayer of response to what you have studied this week about the judgment and mercy of God.

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## 2 PETER 3

### THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup> that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup> knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup> For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup> and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup> But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should

reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

### FINAL WORDS

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of

lawless people and lose your own stability.  
<sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To  
Him be the glory both now and to the day  
of eternity. Amen.



## DAYS ONE & TWO

### *Observe*

1. Read all of 2 Peter 3, asking who, what, when, where, why and how as you read. In the space below, record any observations that you made from interrogating the text. At this point in your study you are merely writing down your observations, not what you think the text means.

2. What are a couple of key observations from this chapter?



3. Pick three key words or phrases to mark in 2 Peter 3. In the space below, make a list of observations about the key words and phrases you found in the text. Remember, key words and phrases do not have to be repeated.

Key word or phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

List of observations:

Key word or phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

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List of observations:

## DAYS THREE & FOUR

### *Interpret*

The second step of inductive Bible study is Interpretation, which answers the question, “What does the text mean?” On Days Three and Four, you will use the tools that you have learned from this study to *interpret* the primary passage for this week.

1. Choose three key words or phrases from this text that stand out to you. Using one of the resources listed in the Appendix, conduct a word study for each of them. In the space below, record the Greek words or phrases and their meaning.

A.

B.

C.

How do these word studies add to your understanding of 2 Peter 3?

2. Using your study Bible or one of the resources listed in the Appendix, look up cross-references that can help you better understand the meaning of 2 Peter 3. Record the references below, including any insight that they add.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

## DAY FIVE

### *Apply*

The third step of inductive Bible study is Application, and asks two questions: “What does the text teach me about God?” and “How does the text apply to my life?”

1. What have you learned or been reminded about God this week?
2. How have you seen these aspects of His character at work in your life?
3. What applications have you gleaned from your studies this week?



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# TOOLS FOR INTERPRETATION

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## **How to conduct a word study on Blue Letter Bible:**

**Step One:** Go to [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org) and enter the Scripture reference in the search bar.

**Step Two:** To look into a specific word, phrase, or verse, click on its verse reference (in blue) on the left-hand side of the page.

**Step Three:** Click on the Strong's number (in blue) that correlates with the word or phrase that you are studying.

**Step Four:** Look at the Strong's definition of the Greek or Hebrew word or phrase. Look at the Outline of Biblical Usage and record what you learn, as well.

*Tip: If there is more than one definition to a word or phrase, choose the one that best fits within the context of the surrounding verses.*

## **How to look up cross-references on Blue Letter Bible:**

**Step One:** Go to [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org) and enter the Scripture reference to the passage that you are studying in the search bar.

**Step Two:** To look into a specific word, phrase, or verse, click on its verse reference (in blue) on the left-hand side of the page.

**Step Three:** Click on the “cross-references” tab where you will find a list of Scripture references.

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