

Small Group Questions

1 Peter 1

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read 1 Peter 1 together. What was the definition of *grace* from Sunday's sermon?

2. **Observe - What do you see?**

The word *grace* appears 3 times in 1 Peter 1. What do you learn about *grace* from these verses?

Verse 2 -

Verse 10 -

Verse 13 -

In 1 Peter 1:12 it speaks of "those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit." Take one minute to share with your small group who shared the good news of God's grace with you.

3. **Interpret - What does it mean?**

There are three imperative commands in 1 Peter 1:13-22. Imperative commands are imperative; they *must* be obeyed. What is one way you can obey each of the following commands?

1. *Set your hope fully on grace* (v.13)

2. *Be holy in all your conduct* (v.15)

4. *Love one another earnestly* (v.22)

Wait ... we're saved by grace, aren't we? We don't need to do anything more to be saved except believe, right? If someone adds any requirement to the gospel it twists it into a false gospel of works-salvation, doesn't it? Is Peter teaching works-salvation by issuing these commands? Explain.

4. **Apply - How does this apply?**

How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you through 1 Peter 1? Would memorizing verse 13 help focus your mind on grace? Does the discussion about grace and obedience make you uncomfortable? If so, why? What next steps can you take to *grow in grace* (2 Pet. 3:18) this week?

5. Prayer ...