

WEEKLY
DEVOTION



THE BOOK OF
FIRST
PETER

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Each day read the corresponding scripture
and ask the three questions below.

WEEK 1 (09/20-09/26)
1 Peter 1

WEEK 2 (09/27-10/03)
1 Peter 2:1-12

WEEK 3 (10/04-10/10)
1 Peter 2:13-25

WEEK 4 (10/11-10/17)
1 Peter 3:1-7

WEEK 5 (10/18-10/24)
1 Peter 3:8-22

WEEK 6 (10/25-10/31)
1 Peter 4

WEEK 7 (11/01-11/07)
1 Peter 5

1. How do I see God?

2. How do I see myself?

3. What verse stuck out to me today?

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SESSION 1

SESSION BIG IDEA

Rightly understanding our identity as citizens of God's kingdom and aliens in the kingdom of darkness will equip us to love our fellow Christians well.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What relationship do believers have to the world in which we live?

What two things does Kyle say we experience simultaneously as Christians?

What are the two responsibilities Peter tasks his readers with?

BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER 1: 1-25

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

What are some examples of ways that you have felt like an outsider because of your faith?

What opportunities do you have to serve other believers in your midst today? How can you be an encouragement, especially to someone who may be suffering?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

PRAY: Reflect on the list you made at the beginning of the session of the ways you'd like the Lord to grow you throughout this study. Take some time now to offer them to God in prayer and ask him to give you a heart that is receptive to his truth.

MEMORIZE: Commit 1 Peter 1:13 to memory as a constant reminder that Christ is the only worthy source of our hope in this life.

ENCOURAGE: Identify someone struggling, maybe even another believer having a hard time with feelings of being an "outsider." Make an intentional effort to encourage him or her with the hope of Jesus, that he is near and at work within even if we cannot see it.

SESSION 2

SESSION BIG IDEA

As a result of God crafting through Christ a new kind of people who declare His glory to the world, we should rid ourselves of whatever distracts us from doing so.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

How does Kyle define the term “malice?”

What are the two aspects required for a holy life?

What are the two responsibilities of every Christian because of our new identity?

BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER 2:1-12

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

What do you need to “rid yourself” of? What’s in your junk drawer that the Holy Spirit is convicting you to clean out?

When you think about the idea of pursuing holiness, are you tempted to view it as something you have to do on your own? How would your spiritual life change if you were to invite other believers into your life in a deeper way?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

PRAY: Ask the Lord to help you see the areas of your life that need to be cleaned out and be intentional about following his direction as he does so.

SPEAK: If the Holy Spirit convicted you of your need to share the good news of Jesus with someone, be bold in doing so this week trusting that he will supply you with the words.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Reach out to 2–3 trusted believers who know you well and invite them to help you stay accountable in pursuing the areas of holiness you most need to grow in.

SESSION 3

SESSION BIG IDEA

As the people of God, we display the good news of the gospel through submission to the authorities in our lives.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

How does Kyle describe the Roman government during the time of Peter? How did it treat Christians?

How does Kyle define “submission”?

What is the reason for why we should learn to submit?

BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER 2:13-25

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

How do you react to the Bible's call for submission? What kind of emotions does it spark in you? Why do you feel the way you do?

In what ways do you see the world acting with hostility toward the church? What would it look like for the church to respond in a way that reflects holiness? How could you, specifically, respond to hostility in a way that reflects holiness?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

PRAISE: If you find yourself experiencing bitterness or resistance toward the topic of today's session, ask God to soften your heart and give you the ability to see the goodness of His Word and to delight in obedience.

PRAISE: Take a moment to stop and consider the example Jesus set by coming into this world, subjecting himself to abuse and ultimately crucifixion at the hands of people He created. Praise Him for laying aside His own comforts for the sake of our salvation.

HONOR: Think of a practical way that you can honor a leader in your government or in your workplace and do so over the course of this next week.

SESSION 4

SESSION BIG IDEA

As the people of God, we display the good news of the gospel in marriage through lives of submission and understanding.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What were the two examples Kyle listed from Dr. Stark's book for why the early Church spread so rapidly during its first three centuries?

Does Peter command all women to submit to all men?

How do Peter's instructions apply to situations of abuse within a marriage?

BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER 3:1-7

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

Whose marriage do you find exhibiting qualities like honor, submission, and love the best? How does their relationship affect your view of marriage? In what ways does it motivate you in your own relationships?

As a result of this session, what can you do practically to better love your spouse this week? If you're single, what can you do practically to pursue honorable friendships with those around you of the opposite sex?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

PRAY: Whether you are married or single, spend time this week asking the Lord to continue shaping you to treat members of the opposite sex in ways that are faithful to His Word.

EVALUATE: Set aside some time over the course of the next week to consider your marriage in light of Peter's instructions. As you do, resolve to make whatever changes necessary to align your marriage with God's Word.

LISTEN: Reach out to a couple that has been married more than twenty years. Ask them about their relationship and listen to the advice they have to offer.

SESSION 5

SESSION BIG IDEA

As the people of God, Christians display the good news of the gospel through unity in the church, blessing their enemies, and remaining faithful in suffering.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

How did Kyle define the term “belief?”

How did he define the term “conviction?”

Should we expect kindness from the world in response to our obedience to Christ?

BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER 3:8-22

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

What do you consider some of your core convictions? How do you demonstrate them in your day-to-day life?

What does your response to suffering communicate to those around you? How could you more clearly demonstrate your hope in Christ in future situations?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

PRAY: Ask God to continue transforming your heart so that you are able to respond with genuine joy in times of suffering, as you recognize the opportunity it provides.

WRITE: On a piece of paper, write out 1 Peter 3:15 and place it where you'll see it each day this week. Every time you read it, ask the Lord to prepare you to give an answer for your faith when He prompts those around you to ask.

RESOLVE: Whether or not you are currently experiencing suffering, resolve to face it with joy acknowledging that God allows it for the purpose of refining your faith and confirming the presence of the Holy Spirit within you.

SESSION 6

SESSION BIG IDEA

As a result of knowing that at times God wills suffering for the purpose of purifying believers from sin and deepening their longing for glory with Christ, we should prepare to suffer while living a life of obedience to God through sacrificial love, hospitality, and service.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

Can we tell whether or not someone is a Christian by looking on the outside? How does Kyle answer this question?

What were the two primary ways Kyle mentioned that we demonstrate to the world our faith in Christ?

What does Peter mean in verse 7 when he says, “The end of all things near?”

BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER 4:1-19

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

How has your faith changed the way you approach the relationships you had prior to knowing Christ? What are some ways others have been “surprised” by your choice to not join them in their lifestyle?

Based on what you’ve heard in this session, what can you begin doing to prepare yourself for suffering? How can you begin cultivating habits that will help you to remain faithful when things get difficult?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

PRAY: Wherever you sense doubt, ask the Lord to strengthen you and help you to persevere when difficulties arise that challenge your faith in Him.

ENCOURAGE: If there’s a fellow believer in your life struggling today, reach out to them and offer your encouragement by reminding them of God’s faithfulness.

SERVE: Look for a practical way to serve your local church with the gifts God has given you this week. If you do not yet have a clear idea of your gifts, reach out to another believer this week and talk about that with him or her.

SESSION 7

SESSION BIG IDEA

As believers lead and submit in their various roles within the Church, they should remain humble toward God in their suffering and watchful of the enemy until the day Christ calls them home in glory.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

At the start of the session, what does Kyle describe as the main point of the book we have been studying?

What is our only true hope as Christians?

What do we gain from pursuing humility?

BIBLE STUDY

1 PETER 5:1-14

Notes

PERSONAL REFLECTION & APPLICATION

What are some of the ways that you are contributing to unity within the body of Christ? How could you be more intentional about doing so based on everything you've learned from this series?

How have you experienced God's care for your concerns in the past?

What anxieties do you need to "cast" upon him today? What would change about your life if you were to do so?

LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

PRAY: Spend some time this week offering up your concerns and anxieties to God. Trust that he cares not only for your fears, but also for you yourself.

CONFESS: As the Holy Spirit convicts you, confess whatever pride you see in your life as a result of this session. Ask the Lord to cleanse you and replace it with humility.

LIST: Make a short list of 2–3 practical life changes you can make based on what you've learned from this study. Place it somewhere that you will see it daily and continue striving to live according to God's Word in the days ahead.