

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 3, 2023

Passage: 1 Peter 1:3-21 NASB

Memory Passage: 1 Peter 1:3 (any version)

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read all of 1 Peter 1-2:10** with an eye toward observation. Ask and answer questions such as: Is there a change in the subject? Is there a change in tone? Look for contrasts and comparisons. Are there repeated words or phrases? Do the main characters change (i.e., who is spoken to, who is spoken about)? What do you learn about man? What do you learn about God? Divide chapter 1 into paragraphs or sections that seem to capture a main thought.
- (b) As a help to your study do not forget the bigger picture. Therefore, I suggest you read at least the focal passage each day before diving into the individual day's study. At least one reading of the whole book would be very helpful in gaining insight to the value of these introductory verses.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 Peter 1:1-9.** Is there a difference between mercy in v. 3 and grace in v. 2? How would you explain the terms to a lost friend or a family member?
- (b) In v. 3, what does it mean that “God’s great mercy has caused us to be born again”? What does it mean to be born again? How did Jesus explain the term to Nicodemus in John 3? Also in v. 3, how is ‘a living hope’ tied to “the resurrection of Jesus Christ”?
- (c) Read v. 4 and then rewrite the verse in your own words.
- (d) In v. 5 what is the meaning of the term “in the last time”?
- (e) Verse 6 starts off with the phrase “In this you greatly rejoice.” To what is the “this” referencing? For added insight see v. 5, and vs. 8 & 9.
- (f) In v. 6 & 7, how are trials a proof of our faith and who ultimately gets the “praise, glory and honor”?
- (g) Finally, compare v. 8 & 9 with Hebrews 11:1. How are they alike and how are they different?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 Peter 1:10-12.** What two main ideas stand out to you?
- (b) Does it surprise you that grace and salvation was prophesied in the Old Testament? Why or why not? Record at least two places where the gospel was foretold. Hint: Genesis and Isaiah may be good places to start, but there are many others.
- (c) In v. 11, who or what is meant by “the Spirit of Christ”?

- (d) Examining and combining vs.11 & 12, to what does the phrase “these things” refer? How is it the same and how is it different from the phrase “those who preached the gospel to you”?

**DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read 1 Peter 1:13-16.** In v.13, to what is the “therefore” referring? Also, in v.13 what three things are we called to do?
- (b) In verses 14 & 15 we see two commands and an example. List each of them and write out how they may be applied to your life.
- (c) Verse 16 gives us a reason for doing and being. In doing so, Peter quotes from what Old Testament passages? I recommend starting with Leviticus 11:44-47.

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read 1 Peter 1:17-21.** These verses form a foundational summary and reminder of what has been presented so far. These verses also form a basis for the many calls to actions that will follow.
- (b) Write out as many parallels and contrasts as you can find as you compare the previous verses we have covered with vs. 17-21.
- (c) Can you see how these truths might be essential to the Christians living in a hostile environment in Peter’s day?
- (d) These truths translate well into our present-day situation. To see how, finish reading this short book which was put here for your edification.

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