

Community Group Questions

1 Peter

1 Peter 1:1-12

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1. The context of 1 Peter is one of suffering and persecution. Do you see society as a whole becoming more or less open towards people of faith? Why?
2. How does society at large influence the way you live out your faith?
3. Where are you tempted to misplace hope?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. How does hope in Christ differ from these misplaced hopes?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7. When have you experienced trials becoming "praise and glory and honor... of Jesus Christ"?

1 Peter 1:13-25

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1. When have you undertaken a significant task and what did you do to prepare?
2. Peter calls us to sober minded. What dulls your mind to the things of God?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:14-16. What is your initial reaction in hearing that you are expected to be holy? Why?
4. How can you guard against legalism in striving for holiness?
5. Where does your life still look unholy?
6. Culture says we need to strive for more/bigger/better material things. What are you tempted to pursue that is eternally futile?

1 Peter 2:1-12

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1. What groups of people or friends have brought you the most joy in life? Why?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:1. Which activities that kill unity are of greatest temptation for you?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:2-3. How can you personally grow in your longing for the things of God?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:4-9. How does the community founded on Christ differ from other sources of community?
5. What opportunities do you have to "proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" this week?

1 Peter 2:13-3:7

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1. How would you describe your general thoughts, attitudes, and interactions with people in authority?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:13-14. Why do you think the call to be subject to another is difficult for most people?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:17. Do you find it more difficult to be subject to authority or to honor authority?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25. How does the gospel inform our ability to submit?
5. What are practical ways to ensure you are honoring authorities, spouses, and everyone else?

1 Peter 3:8-22

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1. How would you describe the good life?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:10-12. How does 1 Peter differ from common understandings of what brings "good days"?
3. What are realistic examples of suffering you may face in the Christian life?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:15. Given the examples above, what would it look like for you to live with and give defense of hope?
5. How is God glorified through your hope during suffering?

1 Peter 4:1-11

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1. How do you understand the statement, "Christ's life demands a response"?
2. Read Romans 6:5-12. How does Paul think about sin in light of Christ's suffering?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:2. What are markers of someone who is living for the will of God?
4. Read 1 Peter 4:3-6. What are some of the things waging war against your soul?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:7. Why do you think Peter highlighted the attributes self-control and sober-minded?

1 Peter 4:12-5:13

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1. What are the greatest distractions you experience in spending time with God?
2. How can you protect time with God this week?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:14. Where in life do you experience treatment as "lesser than" because of your faith?
4. Read 1 Peter 4:16-18. What are practical applications of "not being ashamed" and "entrusting your soul" to God in moments of suffering?
5. Read 1 Peter 5:7. What anxieties do you need to cast on God?