

The Heart of the Matter

12. From verse 1, when have you felt like a “stranger in the world” because of your faith? What has helped you through those times.

13. How has the Spirit stirred a longing for God’s forgiveness and holiness within you?

14. How aware are you of God’s shielding power that Peter describes? From verse 5, what part do we play?

15. In times of personal crisis, do you tend to lean more on God or yourself? Do you sometimes blame God for what you are going through? Has suffering made you bitter or better?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

God’s Mercy, Grace, and Patience 1 Peter 1:1-9 For the Week of July 26, 2020

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. How many times did your family move when you were growing up? Which time was the hardest?
3. How geographically scattered is your family now? How often do you get together?

Digging Deeper

4. What was the situation in Rome at the writing of this letter? (Use the introduction to 1 Peter from a study Bible to do more investigation.)

5. From verses 1-2 what can we learn about the circumstances of Paul's letter? What are some of the theological themes that he introduces in these first two verses?

6. What, according to verse 2, is God the Father's role in initiating a Christian's salvation? What part does the Holy Spirit play?

7. From verse 3, what does Peter mean by the "new birth" or being "born again" that God, in His mercy, provides?

8. According to verses 4-5 what are God's plans for a Christian's future? Why is this so important for all of us to think about as we walk with Christ?

9. From verses 6-7 what role does suffering play in our lives? Why should our suffering be so important and valuable to us?

10. Despite their suffering, how does Peter describe his audience's spiritual relationship and outlook according to verses 8-9?

11. What is the most difficult truth to get your mind around in these first 9 verses of 1 Peter? What might other people wrestle with concerning this passage?