



## 1 PETER: IS ALL OF THIS WORTH IT?

### Alien Life

Pastor Derek Sanford

October 3, 2021

#### Life Group Discussion

##### Encouragement:

-How did you come to believe in Jesus and put your faith in Him as your Savior? (You may desire to have one or two share and not put pressure on all to share.)

-Share any highlights from the sermon, the READ plan, or the MY CHAIR podcast. Also, ask for reactions to reading/listening to the entire letter in one sitting. What is the benefit in reading the entire letter?

##### Scripture:

Read [1 Peter 1:1-12](#)

- Will someone read verses 3-6 again? How does this passage help you understand what you have gained in Salvation?
- How can remembering what is “kept in heaven for you” help you rejoice even when going through trials? Does this concept help you have joy in real life? Why or why not?
- Will someone read verses 6-9 again? What is your reaction to the idea that your faith will be tested?
- How have trials (or suffering) tested your faith (Share specific stories, if possible)? What did you discover?
- Based on verse 8, what would be evidence of faith that withstands trials?

##### Prayer:

When you hear the word “trials” what current situations come to mind? What would you like the group to ask for?

##### Next Steps:

Adopt a discipline of rejoicing. What are some practical ways you could do this? What is God putting on your heart to do?

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## 1 PETER: Battle for Holiness

Sarah Burt

October 10, 2021

### Life Group Discussion

#### Encouragement:

- What was your childhood view of “holy”? How has that changed?
- Share any highlights from the sermon, the READ plan, or the MY CHAIR podcast. Also, ask for reactions to reading/listening to the entire letter in one sitting. What is the benefit in reading the entire letter?

#### Scripture:

Read [1 Peter 1:13-21](#) together. (Take turns or read it out loud all together)

- Review: What is the “therefore” there for?
- Why are Peter’s 3 commands important for these Christians who are facing persecution?
- Put yourselves in their shoes, how might they have set their hope? What did holiness look like? How did they conduct themselves with fear?
- Knowing that the world is set against God, how critical is it that we not only know how to answer these questions, but how to act on them?
  - Where will you set your hope?
  - Whose standard will you live by?
  - Who will you fear?
- How do we live today in a world that is against us? How do we *not* live?
  - Let your perspective tell the world that there is more than this life
  - Let your piety tell the world who God is
  - Let your posture tell the world who you serve

#### Prayer:

Use the ACTS prayer method to respond to today’s discussion in prayer. (Adoration = praise; Confession; Thanksgiving; Supplication = Say what you need)

#### Next Steps:

Which of the three questions challenged you? Discuss some practical ways that we can choose God as our answer every day, starting with today.

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## 1 PETER: Grow Up

Pastor Derek Sanford

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Life Group Discussion

#### Encouragement:

-How have you seen spiritual growth by those around you? Point out to those in your group some growth you have seen in them.

-Share any highlights from the sermon, the READ plan, or the MY CHAIR podcast. Also, ask for reactions to reading/listening to the entire letter in one sitting. What is the benefit in reading the entire letter?

#### Scripture:

Read [1 Peter 1:22-2:19](#) together. (Take turns or read it out loud all together)

- Peter talks about being “born again”. How would you define being born again? What is the difference between perishable and imperishable? How does Peter describe the Word of God?
- How does Peter say we should be seeking after God’s word in verse 2 of chapter 2? What is the purpose of God’s word in verse 2. Peter is especially concerned for these people, because they are going to be undergoing a lot of persecution and hardship, and if they are spiritual infants they’re not going to survive.
- What are some characteristics of immature children? [Children don’t listen. Children speak before they think. Children are self-centered from a very young age. Children react. Children are an emotional roller coaster. Children are foolish. Children are naïve. Children are messy. Children are wildly over-confident about what they can actually do. Children are vulnerable. Children complain. Children make excuses. Children are easily frustrated, easily tempted, and easily frightened. Children often choose the easier wrong over the harder right because they only see the immediate instead of having an eye toward the future.]
- How many of you hear that list and can think of some adults that you know? How many of you can think of yourself?
- What are some characteristics of Spiritual growth? Derek talked about signs you are growing up that, what are they?
  1. You have an increasing love for others (1:22-25)
  2. You are ridding yourself of unloving actions and attitudes (2:1)
  3. You begin to crave the word of God (2:2-3)
  4. You are connected to the church with Christ as the cornerstone (2:4-10)

**Prayer:** Pray over your group that the Holy Spirit come and increase their growth in Christ. Ask that your hunger for God’s word is like that of a baby for their milk bottle.

**Next Steps:** In which of these 4 signs of growth are you still in the baby stage? Where do you need to invite God to grow you up?



## 1 PETER: Submission & Suffering

Pastor Derek Sanford

October 24, 2021

### Life Group Discussion

#### Encouragement:

- Ask your life group if anyone has an example of a time when they (or someone they know) suffered for the sake of the gospel, and it opened the door for the Holy Spirit to transform someone's life.
- Share any highlights from the sermon, the READ plan, or the MY CHAIR podcast. Also, ask for reactions to reading/listening to the entire letter in one sitting. What is the benefit in reading the entire letter?

#### Scripture:

Read [1 Peter 2:11-3:12](#)

- During his ministry, Jesus both denounced injustice and willingly humbled himself to suffer injustice. What does his example teach us? What is the goal of submission and suffering in this passage, and how does that help us know when we should (and shouldn't) submit or suffer for the gospel?
- 1 Peter 2:11 tells Christians to abstain from worldly desires – why is this the first step to submission and suffering, and can we successfully submit or suffer without starting here?
- How is submission to government, workplace, marriage, or church actually a sign of strength? What does our willingness to suffer tell us about our love for Jesus?
- 1 Peter 3:8 encourages Christians to have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Which of these do you need to work on most, and what is one practical way you can start this week?

#### Prayer:

Ask the group, "How can we pray for you as you consider how to submit to our government, in your workplace, in your marriage or closest relationship, or at church?" Pray over these requests and for the four institutions in general.

#### Next Steps:

Hold each other accountable to the practical steps you discussed in the fourth bullet point.

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## 1 PETER: Get Ready for a Rough Ride

Pastor Sarah Burt

October 31, 2021

### Life Group Discussion

#### Encouragement:

-Is there anything you're preparing for right now? (new baby, new job, new season, etc.)

-Share any highlights from the sermon, the READ plan, or the MY CHAIR podcast. Also, ask for reactions to reading/listening to the entire letter in one sitting. What is the benefit in reading the entire letter?

#### Scripture:

Read [1 Peter 4:1-19](#) together. (Take turns or read it out loud all together)

- How prepared are we to suffer for the Name of Jesus Christ? Why do you think we are or are not?
- React to this quote: *"There are 2 kinds of Christians: those who believe they believe and those who sincerely believe."* -Richard Wurmbrand).
- How did Peter help the Christians in the churches of Asia Minor...
  - Prepare their minds (:12)
  - Prepare their hearts (:13-18)
  - Prepare their lives (:2, 7-11, 19)
- Practically speaking, how can we prepare? How can we prepare the next generation?
- What does it look like to *"entrust your souls to a faithful Creator while doing good"*?

#### Prayer:

Use this prompt to lead into prayer- *"God, we want to be prepared..."*

#### Next Steps:

What good can each of us individually and us together as a group do in our community?

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## 1 PETER: You're In Good Hands

Pastor Derek Sanford

November 7, 2021

### Life Group Discussion

#### Encouragement:

-1 Peter was written as a way to encourage the church to stay the course when it comes to following Jesus. As we've dug into this book over the last five weeks, what has convicted you? challenged you? encouraged you?

-How have you found it helpful to spend a long time in one book of the Bible? How have you found it helpful to read or listen to the entire letter every week?

#### Scripture:

Read [1 Peter 5:6-7](#) and [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

- What do these two passages teach us about placing our trust in Jesus?
- How does placing our trust in Jesus prepare us to face the hard things in life?
- What is something you can do now to actively trust Jesus better in your day-to-day life?

#### Prayer:

Use this prayer time to pray over each member of your group and the action step they discussed in question #3. Either break-up into pairs to pray for each other, or take turns (popcorn style!) praying over everyone.

#### Next Steps:

Hold each other accountable throughout the week as you each seek to actively trust Jesus better. This can be done through the normal method of communication that your group uses, or it can be more one-on-one.

\*\*LG Leaders- don't forget to register to attend the LifeGroup Leader lunch on November 14 at your site!