

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - 1 Peter 1:1-9

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Other Passages: 1 Peter–try and read the full book this week

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Peter was written to believers scattered throughout the Roman empire, they were not living in their home.. How can you relate to this reality, that as believers we are also sojourners living in a land that is not our home?
2. The theme of the book is to be patient in suffering and persecution and remain full of hope. Reflect on a hard season in your life, were able to have hope and be patient? Share honestly with each other.
3. As you read over 1 Peter 1:1-12, what stands out to you? What God be trying to say to you in these verses?
4. 1 Peter 1:10 mentions prophecies about the salvation we have through Jesus; here are a few of them: 2 Samuel 7:12–13, Isaiah 7:14, Hosea 11:1, Micah 5:2. As you read those, allow God's word to build your faith.
5. As we are entering this new series on being a sojourner, pray for each other. Spend some time praying you'd be able to grasp the reality that we're sojourners here on this earth, in Manheim, PA, in the year 2024, and our hope is secured in Christ and his kingdom to come.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS