

1 PETER

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

JUNE 4 + 5, 2022

MY STORY

1. How many times did your family move while growing up? Can you remember which one was your favorite or least favorite? Share.
2. How did you prepare for tests in school? (study throughout, pay attention in class, cram, all-nighter, etc.)

IN REVIEW

Did you work through the 5, 5, 5 method with spiritual habits? If not, recite last week's memory verse (Romans 12:1-2).

DIGGING DEEPER

This weekend, Pastor John talked about keeping in step with the Spirit and how our spiritual habits directly tie into our attunement to the Holy Spirit. Below are 3 points Pastor John gave to help us remember:

1. Pastor John talked about what a "field guide" is and how people use it to help navigate and survive their surroundings. The Bible is that—and much more. It is not about surviving, but rather, having a hope that is alive, active, and secure through Jesus in a world that often seems unnavigable.

Read 1 Peter 1:1-12 and answer the following questions.

- a. What does Peter mean by the "new birth" God provides, in His mercy? Explain.
- b. What perspective does Peter give suffering in verses 6-7? Discuss.
- c. If God knows our innermost being, why do we feel we need to "prove" our faith to others?

- d. In times of personal crisis, what is your initial response towards God? Explain. (lean more on God, blame Him, collect advice or wisdom from others, etc.)

- e. What effect has suffering had on your life? Explain.

- f. As believers, we are not promised a “suffer-free” life. What do we learn from verses 8-9 about our reaction to suffering?

- g. Reread verse 3. Peter clearly states our living hope is in Jesus alone. Have you found yourself putting your hope in other things? If so, what?

- h. At the end of verse 12, Peter says, “...even angels long to look at these things.” What are those things? Discuss.

CALL TO ACTION | LIVING HOPE: Take time to reflect this week on where your “hope” actually lies. In what ways is your hope in Jesus? In what ways is it in things of the world? Spend time seeking God to reveal areas of growth for you.

TAKING IT HOME

This is boots to the ground. How will you practically (and actually) put the “Call To Action” section(s) from above into practice this week?