UNSHAKABLE

STANDING FIRM IN A SHAKING WORLD

A STUDY OF PETER'S FIRST EPISTLE

UNSHAKABLE RELATIONSHIPS: 1 PETER 3:8-12

LISTENING GUIDE

| THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU TO READ AHEAD OF TIME AND CONTEMPLATE WHILE LISTENING.

- How does Peter describe the Church? What about a family is a cool metaphor?
- What are the "family rules" Peter describes?
- Look at the way we're meant to respond when people aren't the best to us.
- Watch for the difference in going to church and being the Church.

TALK ABOUT IT

| THIS SECTION LETS YOU DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD AND SERMON CONTENT.

- Read *1 Peter 3:8-9*. Peter calls believers to what?

  Unity, sympathy, love, compassion, humility, blessing others.
  - Which of these comes most naturally to you?
  - Which requires the most intentional effort?
- In *verse 11*, Peter tells us to "seek peace and pursue it." Why do you think peace requires pursuing rather than simply keeping?
  - How does *Romans 12:18* help us understand both our responsibility and our limitations?
- Church isn't simply a place we attend, but a family where we practice loving "one another." How have you experienced the difference between being part of a crowd and being part of a community?

  | Open Discussion: Imagine someone who has been deeply hurt by Christians decides to give church one more chance. What would you hope they experience among us? What might we need to change to become that kind of family?

- Humility means approaching church with the attitude, "It's not about me." How might our Sunday gatherings, Community Groups, or relationships change if we came looking for someone to encourage rather than something to enjoy?

LIVING A STEADFAST LIFE

| THIS SECTION IS FOR US TO CONSIDER HOW TO APPLY IT TO OUR LIVES.

- Peter's instructions are simple, but living them isn't always easy. Which of his "family rules" would make the biggest difference in your relationships this week?
  - What would practicing it actually look like?
- Is there a relationship where you've been contributing more tension than peace?

    - What is one step you could take toward reconciliation, understanding, or extending grace?
- Think about the people who might feel overlooked, disconnected, or out of place in our church family. Who could you intentionally welcome, encourage, or invite into your life this week?

PRAY | THINGS TO CONSIDER PRAYING FOR, A GUIDE/REFERENCE.

- Pray and ask God to keep transforming us into a church family that reflects the heart of Jesus and represents Him well.
- Pray for humility when we're tempted to put ourselves first, for grace when others disappoint us, and courage to pursue and make peace when things are difficult.
- Pray that GracePoint would be a church where people encounter true love and discover the transforming power of Christ!