

UNSHAKABLE

STANDING FIRM IN A SHAKING WORLD

A STUDY OF PETER'S FIRST EPISTLE
UNSHAKABLE PLAN: 1 PETER 1:1-4

LISTENING GUIDE

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

- THE THREE PARTS OF GOD:
 - The Father does the _____.
 - The Spirit _____ and _____.
 - Through Jesus we are _____ and _____ made right.
 - The result is a salvation that is _____ and _____.
- Peter's own story and the perspective it gives him...
- The words Peter uses to remind struggling Christians *who they are*...
- The different ways the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are at work in our salvation...
- Peter connecting what Jesus has already done for us with what the risen Jesus is *still* doing...

TALK ABOUT IT

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

- Peter calls these Christians both "God's elect" and "exiles..."
 - What do those two words tell us about where we belong? What about where we don't?
- How might knowing that you belong to God change the way you respond when following Jesus makes you feel out of place in this world?
- In verse 2, what work does Peter attribute to the Father, the Spirit, and Jesus?
 - What does that reveal about how much of salvation depends upon God rather than us?
- Why do you think Christians can be tempted to turn esoteric and difficult-to-grasp and possibly even divisive ideas when Peter seems to use them as encouragement for people whose world is shaking?
- The sermon describes salvation as "past, present, and future."
 - Which part comes most naturally for you to think about: what Christ has done, what Christ is doing in you now, or what Christ has promised for the future?
 - Which part is easiest to overlook?
- What feels especially "shaky" in life or in the world right now?
 - After reading Peter's opening words, what do you see that is *actually steady*?

LIVING A STEADFAST LIFE

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

- If Christians really are strangers or exiles here, where are you most tempted to ask this world to give you something *God* has promised ultimately to give you?
- Where can you look back and recognize that the Holy Spirit has genuinely changed you?
 - Where do you sense He is still working on you?
- What helps you stay close enough to Jesus to recognize the Spirit's work and respond to His leading?
 - What tends to make His voice easier to ignore?
- *Read Philippians 2:12-13.*
 - How do we take spiritual growth seriously without slipping into the idea that we have to earn what Jesus has already accomplished for us?
- If the Cross changes where we are going and the resurrection changes who we are becoming, what should resurrection life actually look like on an ordinary Tuesday (as if there were such a thing)?
- Why does a shaking world need more than Christians who are confident about going to heaven someday?
 - What might people see if they encounter Christians who are visibly being changed by the risen Jesus today?

PRAY

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

- How can we pray for one another to live securely in the Father's love, attentively to the Spirit's work, and confidently in the living hope we have through Jesus... so that when life shakes, our lives point toward the One who does not?