

Something Greater

THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

Living Hope

1 Peter 1:1-10

January 1, 2023

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

Note to small group leaders: do not feel like you need to answer each of these questions. Read through them and pick out a few that you think would be most helpful for your group.

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-10. Who is Peter's audience in 1 Peter and what are they going through?
2. Have you ever been persecuted for your association with Jesus? What happened and how did that make you feel?
3. Peter calls these Christians "elect exiles" in verse 1. Why would this have been encouraging to them in the midst of their persecution? How does knowing that you are "elect exiles" encourage you?
4. Read verse 1 Peter 1:2. What excites you as you consider how the triune God saved you?
5. Peter then calls his readers to "Praise God". Is this encouragement easy or difficult for you in the midst of trials? Why? And if you praise what does it look like?
6. Where do you turn for hope in the midst of suffering?
7. How does knowing that you have a living hope in Jesus Christ affect how you feel and live during difficult times?
8. Read verse 7-9. What purposes does Peter give for your pain? Why is it encouraging to know that God has purposes for your pain?
9. How have trials in your life proved the genuineness of your faith? How does that shape how you think about future trials?
10. How has this passage encouraged or comforted you as you continue to live for Jesus?
11. Pray together. How does this passage prompt you to pray? What other things can you be praying for as a group?