

Group Questions

Is It Worth It? — I Peter 1:1-5

1. How dispersed is your extended family? How often do you get together?

Read I Peter 1:1-5

2. Peter is writing to “elect exiles” who have been scattered throughout a region that is modern-day Turkey. Who are these exiles, and why have they been scattered?

Who are the elect exiles in the Old Testament?

(See Deut. 7:6; 2 Kings 24:14; 2 Chr. 36:20; Ezra 6:16; Ps. 147:2)

Who are the elect exiles in the New Testament?

(See Phil. 2:11; I Pet. 2:10-11; Heb. 11:13)

3. Peter gives a lot of information about these elect exiles in his greeting (verse 2).

Who are they? (See Rom. 8:29-30)

How does a person become a part of God’s elect? (See Eph. 2:4-10)

What is the Spirit’s role in this? (See 2 Cor. 2:10-12; Tit. 3:4-7)

Why are Christians saved?

4. In what ways does God’s mercy show up in your life?

How does experiencing God’s mercy encourage you in daily living?

5. Peter lists several benefits of following Christ.

What does it mean to be “born again”? (See Jn. 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 5:16-18)

How does it affect life to have a “living hope”? What is this living hope based on?

How does Peter describe the inheritance that awaits believers?

6. Which of these benefits are “already available” to believers?

Which are “not yet available”? How does your present experience of the “already available” benefits help you appreciate the “not yet available” benefits?

Reflect

7. How does realizing these benefits translate into real life for you?
8. How does remembering these benefits help you be obedient to God?

Next Steps

- I thank God for: the promise of new birth, a living hope, an eternal inheritance, and his secure promise.
- I understand that no matter what happens to me in this life, having Jesus makes it all worth it.
- With God’s help, I will strive to live completely for him this week.
- One area in which I have been tempted to give up is _____.



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together.

— Dr. Steven A. Crane

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The People of God

1. God’s Elect
2. Exiles of the Dispersion

The Benefits of God’s People

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.