

Living as a community intentionally focused on cultivating the life of Christ in others.

GROUP GUIDE - The BOOK - Week 4

A STUDY THROUGH 1 PETER

ARRIVAL / CONNECTING and SNACK: (15 minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER: (2 minutes)

SCRIPTURE and DISCUSSION: (50-60 minutes) [Note from pastor: Leaders, I suggest you add 10 minutes to your group discussion time this week. I believe you will get more out of it.]

Open your Bibles and read **1 Peter 2:9-25 together.** With each Scripture passage, have a different person read slowly enough for everyone to enjoy, reflect quietly for a moment, then discuss the questions.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Why/how does knowing who you are help you to navigate real life?

1 Peter 2:11-12

- Why is it so important to "abstain from sinful desires?" Why does it matter?
- In the midst of false accusation or hard times in life, why should we live "good" lives? What truth keeps our attitudes in check?

1 Peter 2:13-15

How does honoring/submitting to our own government or authority honor Christ?

1 Peter 2:16-20

- In verse 17, what are the 4 asks of Peter? Discuss them.
- Why is it so important for Christ followers to be consistent in how they live/conduct their lives?

SURRENDER: (15 minutes)

1 Peter 2:21-25

- How does knowing that Christ suffered for us, help us to remain faithful to God?
- Of all that Peter highlighted in today's text, what do you need the most help with? Be honest with each other and talk through the struggle.

PRAYER: (10 min) Pray for one another in light of what has been shared.