



GROUP GUIDE – The BOOK - Week 3

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 to **1 Peter 2**. 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 2:4

- How often do you really “come to him” (Jesus)?
- What does it mean to continually come to Him? Why is it hard to often go to other sources of “wisdom” first, before Christ?

1 Peter 2:5

- What does it mean, “living stones being built up as a spiritual house?”
- In Christ, you are a royal priest. With that said, what are spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God?

1 Peter 2:6-8

- What is the significance of Christ being the “cornerstone” of His people?
- Who has “rejected” the cornerstone? Why do they “stumble?”

SURRENDER: (15 minutes)

1 Peter 2:9-10

- Peter says: “that you may **proclaim** the **excellencies** of Him who called you **out of darkness** into his **marvelous light**.” What does that mean?
- Think about the reality of God’s mercy in your life and the depth of that for a moment. What has God called you to do about it? Are there people in your life that you can share *your* story with? How will you respond to God’s leading?

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