



Presenting Peter Who is this man called Peter? Week 11: 1 Peter-his 1st last letter

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Peter eye witnesses to the Grace of God

Peter is moving US with the Five House Churches and infusing OUR mindset of WHO WE are as a Believer in Christ Jesus with:

What we've seen.

What we've heard.

What we've known.

What we've done.

WEEK #1: Power in a name: Simon Peter. Social, Economic, Family Culture. What was it like to live life in Peter's neighborhood? What did this Family Culture ADD to the nascent, embryonic, incipient Church?

WEEK #2: Peter in the Gospels – The Confession "LORD, I am a sinful man!" & Walking with Jesus – Confessing Him as Messiah

WEEK #3: The Passover, The Prophecy & The Reinstatement

WEEK #4: Matthaïs, Pentecost, Abuse: Ananias&Sapphira

WEEK #5: PETER IN LEADERSHIP – Samaritan Pentecost, Gentile Pentecost (Cornelius), The Council of Jerusalem

WEEK #6: Pastor Peter #1 – An EYE witness to the GRACE of God. Expect trials. How to live the Gospel.

Week #7: The Discipline of Suffering

Week 8: The Family of God

Week 9: Priesthood of Believers

Week 10: Submission

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Notes:

Week 1: If Jesus gave you a new name, what would it be?

Why change his name at all? [who you think you are is not who you actually are to Jesus, there’s more.]

Simon: hearing or obeying, both an Aramaic & Greek name.

Was he actually related to JC? This would make him Jesus’ cousin-in-law [married to Jesus’ cousin, the sister of James and John.]

Jesus calls him Peter. A rock.

Week 2: Peter in the Gospels-the confession, Lord, I am a sinful man & walking with Jesus confessing Him as Messiah.

Week 3: How do you say I’m sorry when you’ve let someone down who was depending on you? Walked out, denied knowing?

Do you love me? 3x

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep

Jesus complete reinstatement process with those two words: Follow Me.

Week 4: Matthias, Pentecost, the Abuse of Ananias & Sapphira

Week 5: Peter in Leadership: the Gentile Pentecost—Cornelius changes everything.

Peter faltering:

It is hard to live detached from the status quo. PEER PRESSURE

It is hard to separate ourselves from our culture.

It is hard to be confronted by growth.

Week 6: Pastor Peter: how Peter fed the sheep

Shared his testimony

Connected the Old Testament promises to Christ

Outlined the apostolic faith [faith in action, trusting God’s word.]

The call to holy living—how do we live if this is just our temporary residence?

What kind of job/career do we seek?

Do you have children? Or dedicate your time to ministry?

Money—what role does it play in our life? What type of job do we get? How many hours do we work?

College, yes/no? go into debt for?

FOREVER: The disciplines we create here and now have “forever” aspects to them.

Week 7: The Discipline of Suffering

Week 8: The Family of God/The Royal Priesthood—to what end? Calling the nation of Israel [and us] to be a witness.

What does it mean to be a resident in the family of God.

Shared inheritance with Jesus

Living honorably



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Deeply committed to what is good. Do not fear. Share our faith. Shame flung on you will bound back & stick to the flinger.

Lives for God's will.

Sincere, intense love of fellow Christians.

Serious, disciplined prayer. Intense love for one another. Hospitable. No complaining.

Serve one another with your giftings: speaking, serving, signs.

Discussion of the gifts:

Week 9: The Royal Priesthood

Transitioning from the OT expression of the priesthood into the completion caused by JC death/burial/resurrection/ascension—the temple veil tearing from top to bottom.

A physical example that the old is done, cannot go back to, there is a new-exploring what that is now in Jesus. [i.e. marriage]

Nature of priesthood:

- Direct access to God.
- Offering spiritual sacrifices to God
- Declaring the gospel
- Worshipping as a local church.

New Testament priestly duties:

- We sacrifice our praise.
- We sacrifice our good works.
- We sacrifice our bodies, we present our bodies as worship.
- Lights in and to the world.
- Unity in Christ

Have you ever experienced this sense?

- I have never been here before.
- I don't know how to be here.
- Somehow things look the same, but everything is different.
- How am I supposed to show up?
- How am I supposed to do anything well when I don't know what I'm supposed to do.
- How do I be....here?

This is Peter. After the death, burial, resurrection, & ascension of Christ.

I mean, what just happened.

Living with Peter in sense that no one has been here before.

Let's go fish. HA.

Before Jesus he thought he walked on solid ground.

With Jesus, he learned to walk on water.

Not the first time Peter would learn to walk where he thought it was impossible.



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With the famous sheet vision at Cornelius' home, the solid ground he thought he walked on was removed. "This is how I know God" totally gone.

Only Jesus & being led by the Holy Spirit remained.

Learning that is more than enough.

In the wild, with no net, without education or training...like walking on water.

"I should not be here, this shouldn't be working, ..."

Does this sound familiar? 😊

We've experienced:

Peter as follower-being a sheep, correcting Jesus & the infamous, get behind me satan exchange. Blowing it. Trying again.

Peter as pastor-loving sheep, caring for the brand new, baby church. Protecting the brand-new baby against abuse & God stepped in hugely. Providing a frame of reference, [which provides stability] this is that explanation, the Joel prophecy for Pentecost.

Peter as a church leader-guiding sheep, follow me as I follow Christ.

Later stopped hanging out with the Gentiles, got called out by Paul ...Blowing it, Trying again.

Leadership lessons, navigating new experiences *ON THE JOB TRAINING.*

Week 11: 1 Peter—his 1st last letter. If you're dying, trying to share your most important thoughts, what would you say? Let's hear what Peter says...

This evening we're going to examine a portion of 1 Peter, one of the last letters from a man going home—

What is he trying to communicate to us because his end is coming?

[what does he want us equipped to handle?]

This is Peter explaining us what's going on, how it fits in the big picture, & how we can hold on well.

The First Epistle of PETER

1 Peter encourages Christians facing opposition from the world

Theme: Suffering as a Christian

Key Words: Suffer, Suffering. [yay.]

Occasion and Date. Peter addresses Christians living in various parts of Asia Minor who are suffering rejection in the world because of their obedience to Christ (4:1–4, 12–16). He therefore reminds them that they have a heavenly inheritance (1:3–5).



Lets read: write on the board the actions we are told to take after.

1 Peter 4:7-19

Serving for God's Glory

7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Suffering for God's Glory

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now

***"If the righteous one is scarcely saved,
Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"***

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

THEREFORE:

CH5 write actions on the board

Shepherd the Flock

1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Submit to God, Resist the Devil

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud,



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But gives grace to the humble.”

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Farewell and Peace

Discuss the list created.

How does this fit in our lives? Where does it fit in our lives?

What's getting in the way of any of these actions fitting in our lives?

What is a practical, simple step can we take today?

Write it on a piece of paper, staple it to your shirt. 😊