



GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

WEEK 01
April 19, 2020

GETTING STARTED

1. What do you miss most about life pre-quarantine?
2. What is something good that has happened because of the quarantine?



BIBLE STUDY METHOD
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Recommendation 1: Read all of 1 Peter in one sitting (takes less than ten minutes).

Recommendation 2: Watch the 1 Peter Overview video on [RightNow Media](#).

SOAK

Read 1 Peter 1:1-12 three times asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. Our goal is to soak in the Spirit, the scripture, and its surroundings.

1. What kind of writing is this?
2. Who is writing this? Who is he writing to? And why?

OBSERVE

Once we've soaked in the passage, we want to make sure we are able to see all that is really there; not interpreting, but taking note of what is present.

1. Are there any sections in the text worth dividing (where the flow of thought changes)?
2. What are the key words? Is anything repeated or emphasized?
3. Are there key connecting words ("for," "and," "but", "therefore," etc.) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?

MEANING

Now that we're familiar with the passage, we want to get at its meaning. This isn't about what it means to me, but what the author was intending to say.

1. How would you define the "living hope" Peter talks about? (vss 3-5)
2. Explain Peter's understanding of suffering? (vss 6-9)
3. What does this passage teach you about God? About Jesus?
4. In your own words, what is the main point of this passage?

APPLY

The goal of reading the Bible is transformation. We want to let the Word of God grow deep in us so that we can bear much fruit.

1. How can you better live in light of the "living hope" God has gifted you in Christ? What difference will it make (especially in the season we are in now)?
2. How does this passage change the way you look at your circumstances?
3. How can this passage lead you to give thanks and praise to God?
4. Who else do you know that needs to hear about the living hope found in Jesus Christ?

Finish your time in God's Word by using this passage as the subject of your prayer. Take time to thank God for what was learned and express your desire for His continued work of transformation in your life.