

Resilient Faith: A Study of 1 Peter

Group Guide | January 11

Open with prayer (5 minutes).

Begin your time together as a group with a word of prayer. Thank God for this space to learn, share, and grow!

Reflect on and discuss your faith in Christ from the past week (10 minutes)

- Think over your past week. In what places did you exercise resilient faith? Explain.
- In what ways did your faith fall short or feel fragile this past week? Share with your group what you experienced.

READ 1 Peter 1:3-12 and then discuss the sermon (30 minutes).

- What stood out or challenged you from Dan's sermon on Sunday?
- In his sermon, Dan talked about three main reasons why we praise God:

(1) Because we have a living and lasting hope;

(2) Because we have a persevering and personal faith in Jesus; and

(3) Because we have foretold and fulfilled promises about Jesus.

How should each of these lead to praise? Do they lead to praise to God from you personally? How so? If not, why not? What gets in the way?

- How relevant is our living hope we share in Christ to your day-to-day life? Explain. Describe how it shapes (or potentially doesn't shape) how you think about your day, your tasks, and your responsibilities.
- Re-look at 1 Peter 1:6. Are there any trials you're facing right now? How do you see God refining you in those (1:7)?
- Knowing that the Old Testament prophets longed to fully understand the salvation we now have in Christ, and that even angels desire to look into these things, how does this privilege affect the way you personally value and engage with the gospel in your daily life? In what ways do you sense (or struggle to sense) the same kind of awe and longing for the gospel that the prophets and angels had?

If applicable, reflect on the 90-Day Bible Reading Plan (20 minutes)

- What was your time reading the New Testament and Psalms like for you this week?
- What is something you learned?
- What stood out or challenged you from God's Word?

Transition to prepping for Life Group Vision Nights (15 minutes)

On January 20-21, we are hosting our annual Life Group Vision Nights! Make sure your whole group has signed up for ONE of the evenings. Kids' programming (January 20 only) requires separate registration which is linked on the event page. The QR code below goes to the event page online.

To prep for the experience and the conversations that will follow, **read this prayer as a group allowing space in the pauses to offer prayers silently or out loud.**

God, we thank You for the living hope You've given us.
Because of Your mercy and the resurrection of Jesus,
we are not starting from nothing—
we are held by a hope that lasts.

Pause.

Thank You for guarding our faith
and for meeting us even in hard or uncertain seasons.
You are at work in us,
shaping us, growing us, and drawing us closer to You.

Pause.

As we look ahead to Life Group Vision Nights,
help us slow down and pay attention.
Help us come curious,
open to what You might want to show us.

Pause.

Help us come expectant,
trusting that You are present and that You still speak.

Pause.

Help us come humble,
ready to listen, learn, and receive.

Pause.

And help us come grateful,
for the hope we share,
for the grace we've been given,
and for this covenant community.

Pause.

Holy Spirit, guide us as we go.
Keep our hearts open and our eyes fixed on You.
We want to follow where You lead.

Amen.

Life Group Vision Nights Registration link:

