

NOTES & QUOTES



CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What is one story that often gets told when your family gathers, or when your friends from 'back in the day' get together?
2. Some day when we talk about what it was like to live through COVID-19, what will you say? How has your faith helped you navigate the storms and uncertainty of our day?
3. If you were to write a letter out of your faith experience with Jesus, to encourage others in their faith – What would you say? How would you begin? What truth would you remind them of?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. How does Peter view himself? Where does his authority come from? How might our spiritual identity effect the way we live out our faith?
5. How are God's people described (1:1)? How is it helpful for Christians to see themselves as "strangers living in exile"? In what ways is this a challenge, a command, and an encouragement?
6. The fact that God has foreknowledge and chooses you (Election) and the fact that you have always been on his mind are family truths to be celebrated, not argued. In what sense should being chosen and known by God be a source of immeasurable comfort to us? (1:1-2).

7. In what aspect is our salvation a past, present, and future reality?
8. What are the three roles of God (Father, Spirit and Son) that Peter highlights? How is each necessary to live the life of faith (1:2)?
9. Regarding our salvation, God has a role to play (forgiveness and regeneration), and we have a role to play (belief and faith). In your view, how does personal responsibility and God's sovereignty work together?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

10. Can you name one place, people group, or situation where God has sent you as his ambassador (workplace, neighbourhood, family)?
11. Of all the things that Peter could have prayed for, for those who were scattered, suffering and living as strangers and exiles, why do you think he asks for grace and peace in abundance? Finish the sentences: "One place, I need God's grace in my life is ...".
"One place, I need God's peace in my life is ...".

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"If you know you are Beloved of God, you can live with an enormous amount of success and an enormous amount of failure without losing your identity, because your identity is that you are the Beloved."

Henri Nouwen