

## NOTES & QUOTES



# A NEW DAY A NEW WAY

WEEK 2 - 1 PETER 1:3-12

## **CONNECT** (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. How dispersed is your extended family? How often do you bring everyone together?
2. What is one thing you are really looking forward to when the restrictions of the current pandemic lift?
3. Have you ever received a special item as an inheritance? Did you know beforehand that one day it would be yours? Share your experience.

## **THRIVE** (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. Why do you think Peter decides to begin his letter with “a rant of praise”? Why is praise a helpful response during real-life uncertainty and suffering?
5. List the many items in these verses under two categories: “already available” and “still to come”. Are there some that fit on both lists? Why?
6. While acknowledging current difficulties, what basis does Peter give his readers for living hope? (See verses 3-5).
7. According to Peter, what is the purpose behind the suffering and persecution that some Christians experience? In what ways have the trials and temptations you have experienced strengthened your faith? (verses 6-9)

8. Read 1 Peter 1:3-12. How are these persecuted followers of Christ blessed in ways that the prophets of the Old Testament and the angels of heaven are not? (verses 10-12) What actions/spiritual practices do the prophets and angels model for us?

## **COMMIT** (BE ON MISSION)

9. When you think about your life, what are the things that will never perish, spoil, or fade over time? How should knowing that we have this inheritance through Christ impact our priorities and perspective?
10. Why do you think Peter mentions that his readers have not seen Jesus, nor do they see him currently in their circumstances? What point is he implying? What should we do in situations where God seems distant or silent?
11. What difficult situation are you currently facing? What challenges and opportunities does the church have? Pray that God will use them to prove our faith genuine and that they “may result in praise glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed”.

### **PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY**

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Peter 1:3