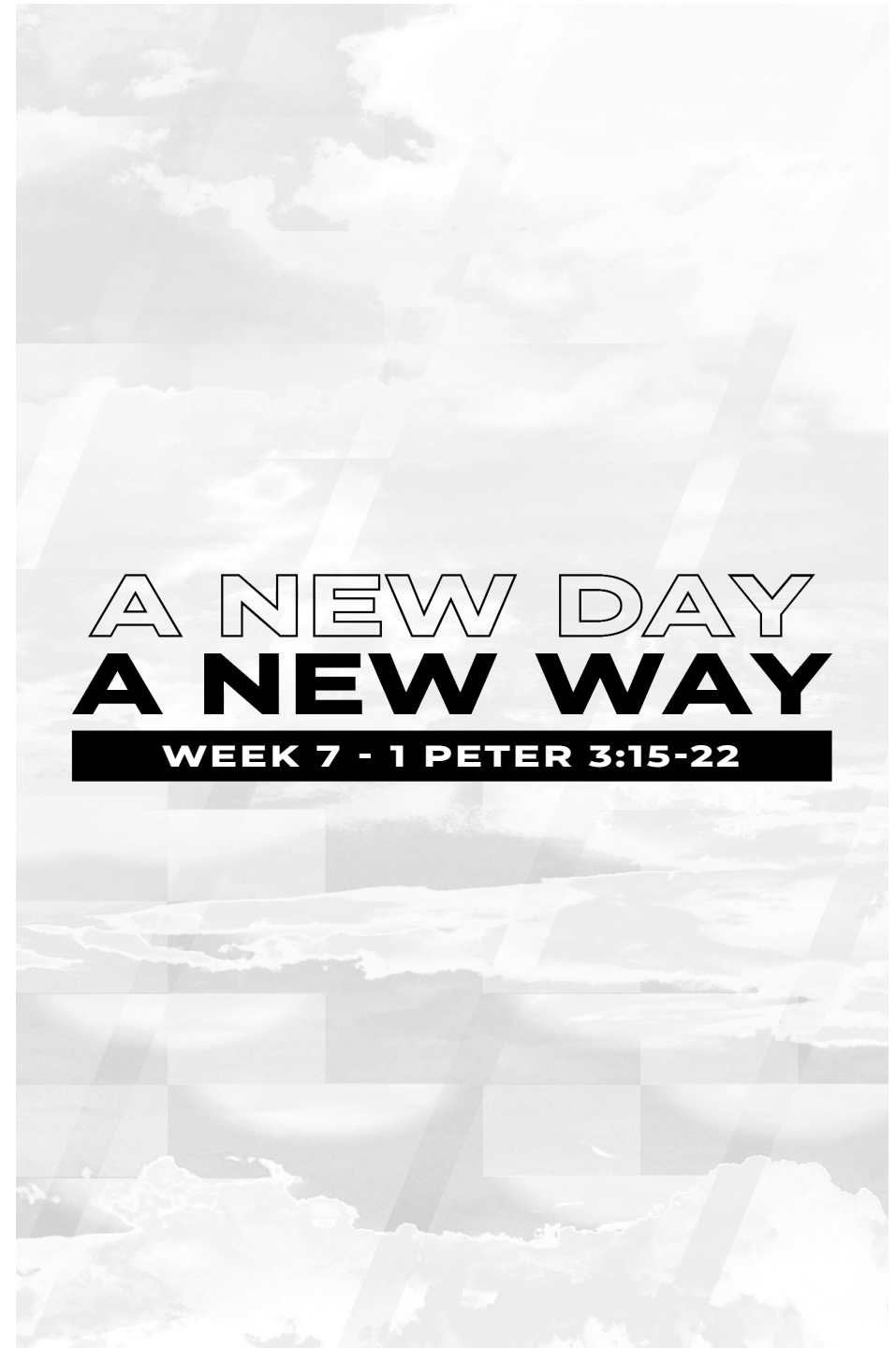


NOTES & QUOTES



A NEW DAY A NEW WAY

WEEK 7 - 1 PETER 3:15-22

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What is the most painful injury or experience you have ever had to endure?
2. Has there ever been a time when you experienced pain, but came out on the other side thinking it was worth it?
3. When people ask the common question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" which answers are often given?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. 1 Peter 3:15-16 are maybe the most memorized verses in the book of 1 Peter. In the overall context of 1 Peter 3:8-22, why would someone ask a Christian about their lifestyle? If someone asked you why you had hope in life, how would you answer them?
5. 1 Peter 3:18-22 resumes the example of Jesus Christ. Particularly in 3:18 and 3:22, what is the point Peter is trying to make for believers who are suffering because of their faith in Christ?
6. Read 1 Peter 3:18. This one verse packs in a lot of theology. What does this verse say Christ has done (also read Romans 5:6-8)? What does this passage say about the completeness of what Christ has done? Why is this important?

7. Read 1 Peter 3:13-17. In verse 15, there is a command given to sanctify or consecrate Christ as Lord in our hearts. What does that mean (see Acts 2:36; 10:36; 20:21)? What do these two titles "the Christ" (Messiah) and "Lord" mean? Why is it essential to know Christ as "Lord" when we are suffering?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. Is there someone in your life who could benefit from your story of challenge or suffering? What might prevent you from sharing it?
9. We believe that God will one day perfect everything and make what is wrong right. Is there a situation in which you can partner with God and begin that work now?
10. What is a personal area of struggle right now that could draw you deeper in intimacy with Christ?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened. But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

1 Peter 3:13-15