

Growth Group Questions
Present-Future Faith
1 Peter 1:3-9
10.21.18

1. What stood out to you, challenged you, or encouraged you from the sermon Sunday?

2. 1 Peter 1:3 starts with “All praise to God...” Before we look at what Peter praised God for, what can you personally praise him for this past week?

3. Note the blessings God has given His people in 1:3-5. To the best of your understanding what do each of these four blessings mean (in your own words):
 - Born again (new birth) v.3
(additional scripture on new birth – John 1:12-13; John 3:3-6; Galatians 4:4-7)

 - Great expectation (living hope) v.3
(additional scripture on hope – Romans 8:22-25; 1 Cor. 15:19-26; 1John 3:1-3)

 - Priceless inheritance (inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade) v.4

 - Protection by God’s power (shielded by God’s power) v.5

4. We should be “truly glad” for the gifts listed in v.3-5, but v.6 explains why we sometimes fail to respond with joy. Why are we sometimes not glad (or joyful)?
5. Compare James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 1:6-7. Both passages discuss suffering/trials and joy in close proximity. Why can a Christian be joyful in adversity?
6. What would this look like for you in your life right now?
7. Consider Peter’s experience in Matthew 14:22-36. If Jesus knew Peter was going to sink, why do you think He invited Peter to “come?”
8. In light of Peter’s experience of walking on the water, Pastor Kendall challenged us to think about what might be undermining (eroding the base of foundation) our faith...share any thoughts you have in response to this challenge.

Spiritual Practice (Meditating/Memorizing Scripture)

If there is a sentence or verse in this passage of scripture (or others as we continue our study of 1 Peter) you find especially significant to you copy it down and set aside a little time each day for the next week to meditate on it. Think about the scripture and what it might mean in your life, recite it to yourself, explore its meaning. Return to the scripture as often as you can during your day for a brief review. You will soon find it coming to mind spontaneously and beginning to affect your thoughts, motives, and actions. Do this throughout our study and experience God forming your soul for His purposed.

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:10-12