

Men's Equipping Course/First Peter Bible Study

Week Three Assignment: 1:13-25

Day One

1. Pray, asking God to open your eyes and heart to His word. Then read the passage slowly, out loud, five times. Try using different translations like NASB 1995, ESV, CSB, NLT and NIV. (I highly recommend the YouVersion Bible App for your phone for easy access to all these; it has 67 English translations!).
2. As you read, jot down observations, thoughts, questions and applications that come to mind.
3. After the fifth reading, write a one sentence summary of the passage that captures the big idea of this text. (Small group leaders, ask everyone to share their sentence).

Day Two

1. How is this passage different from the previous passage?
2. How is this passage similar to the previous passage?
3. Why did Peter begin this section with "Therefore ..."

Day Three

1. Identify all the commands in this passage. What does this tell you about the Christian life in general? What does this tell you about suffering as a Christian in particular?
2. What does v.14 have to do with v.13? Can you think of another passage that makes this same connection?
3. What does it mean to "conduct yourselves in fear"?
4. How does I Peter 1:17 square with I John 4:15-18?

Day Four

1. What is the basis of our love for one another as fellow Christians? Are you certain this has happened in your life? How do you know?
2. Between 1) **hope** of heaven, 2) **holiness** of life, 3) **fear** of God and 4) **love** of the brethren, which one do you need to grow in the most right now? What steps can you take to cultivate growth in this area?
3. Summarize vv.24-25 in your own words. Try to capture what Peter is saying.
4. Spend some time thanking God for His living and enduring Word.