



Household devotions...

1 Peter

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Memory verse:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people for His possession,
so that you may proclaim the praises of the One
who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Week 1: 1 Peter 1:1-12

Day 1

- Read verses 1-2.
- Who is writing?
- Who is he writing to?
- How are they described? What do you think this means?

Day 2

- Read verses 3-5.
- What has God done?
- Why is this so good for God's people?

Day 3

- Read verses 6-9.
- How are God's people to react now, and in what circumstances?
- Why can they react this way?
- What does it show?

Day 4

- Read verses 10-12.
- The 'salvation of your souls' that God's people enjoy—is it a new thing? Who looked for it?
- Why is this so good for God's people now?

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 1:1-12, and give thanks to God for one thing.

Week 2: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Day 1

- Read verses 13-16.
- What does the 'therefore' refer to?
- What does the 'therefore' lead to?

Day 2

- Read verses 17-21.
- How are God's mob described?
- How does verse 17 help explain verse 1?
- How were God's mob made God's mob?

Day 3

- Read verses 22-25.
- How are God's mob described in vs.23?
- How?
- What does this produce?

Day 4

- Read verses 22-25.
- How is God's word described?

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 1:13-25, and give thanks to God for one thing.

Week 3: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Day 1

- Read verses 1-3.
- How does verse 1 start? What does this refer to... and what does it lead to?
- What should God's mob 'desire', and why?
- What do God's mob know about the Lord?

Day 2

- Read verses 4-6.
- Who is 'him' in verse 4?
- What is happening to 'you'?
- How, and by whom?

Day 3

- Read verses 7-8.
- What is the contrast presented here?
- What creates, and highlights, this contrast?

Day 4

- Read verses 9-10.
- How does verse 9 start? Why?
- Who are God's mob now? Is this new? Why/why not?

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 2:1-10, and give thanks to God for one thing.

Week 4: 1 Peter 2:11-25

Day 1

- Read verses 11-12.
- How are God's mob described? Have we heard this already in 1 Peter?
- What does this mean in daily life?
- Why, for what reason?

Day 2

- Read verses 13-17.
- When did Peter write this letter... and what type of ruler existed?
- How does this help us understand these commands to 'submit'?
- Why is this commanded?

Day 3

- Read verses 18-20.
- Who does Peter turn to, and what does he command?
- Why?

Day 4

- Read verses 21-25.
- How does verse 21 start?
- What is Christ for us here...?
- How does Christ help us understand verses 11-20?

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 2:11-25, and give thanks to God for one thing?

Week 5: 1 Peter 3:1-7**Day 1**

- Read verses 1-7.
- What stands out for you in these verses?
- What is hard to understand... and hard to apply? Why?

Day 2

- Read verses 1-6.
- To whom is Peter talking, and what is he commanding, and why?
- Where does beauty lie?
- Why?

Day 3

- Read verse 7.
- To whom is Peter talking, and what does he command, and why?
- What is the divine significance of this?

Day 4

- Read verses 1-7.
- Why do we struggle with these words?
- Why should we delight in these words?
- How might we misuse these words?

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 3:1-7, and give thanks to God for one thing.

Week 6: 1 Peter 3:8-22

Day 1

- Read verses 8-12.
- What link is there back to 1:1-2 in these verses?
- What are God's mob 'called' to be?

Day 2

- Read Psalm 34.
- Pray one thing from this psalm.

Day 3

- Read verses 13-18.
- What is it to be 'blessed' here? Why?
- Why can God's mob be like this? (vs.14-15)
- Why are God's mob to live like this?

Day 4

- Read verses 19-22.
- Who is the fore-runner in this?
- What do you make of verses 19-22?

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 3:8-22, and give thanks to God for one thing.

Week 7: 1 Peter 4:1-19**Day 1**

- Read verses 1-6.
- Who are God's mob following?
- What does this mean for our desires?
- What does this mean for our view of the future?

Day 2

- Read verses 7-11.
- What is the context for the life of God's mob now?
- What does this lead to—in our minds, in our lives, in our community as God's mob?
- Can this be anything less than wholehearted? Why?

Day 3

- Read verses 12-19.
- What will arise for God's mob, and how should they respond?
- What is this a reminder of? (vs.17)
- To whom should God's mob entrust themselves?

Day 4

- Read 1 Peter 4:1-19.
- Write down anything that puzzles you.
- Write down anything that confronts you.
- Write down anything that encourages you.

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 4:1-19, and give thanks to God for one thing.

Week 8: 1 Peter 5:1-7

Day 1

- Read verse 1.
- Who is Peter focusing on here?
- Why can Peter write this?

Day 2

- Read verses 2-4.
- What is Peter's exhortation to the elders?
- To whom are the elders accountable to?

Day 3

- Read verses 5-7.
- To whom is Peter writing here? Why do you think he focuses on these people?
- What should be their defining characteristic?

Day 4

- Read 1 Peter 5:1-7.
- What does this passage reveal about the role of elders in God's mob?
- Who do you think the 'elders' are in our gathering, and why?

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 5:1-7, and give thanks to God for one thing.

Week 9: 1 Peter 5:8-14**Day 1**

- Read verses 8-9.
- What does Peter command?
- Why?
- What is the confidence God's mob has here? (vs.9)

Day 2

- Read verses 10-11.
- What does Peter assert in verses 10-11?
- Why is this crucial, after verses 8-9?
- How does this conclude the themes raised in 1:1-2?

Day 3

- Read verses 12-14.
- What 'feel' does close give?
- Who, or what, is 'Babylon'?

Day 4

- Read 1 Peter 5:8-14.
- Pick one (or two) verses to memorise here.
- Why did you choose these words?

Day 5

- Read 1 Peter 5:8-14, and give thanks to God for one thing.