



HEBRON

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SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to _____, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR 1 PETER 1:1-2

1. In what way, did God use His Spirit and His Word in your heart and mind as we studied the first two verses of 1 Peter?
2. Peter, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, is the author of this letter. In what ways should we, who think we are too sinful or that we've disqualified ourselves from being used by God, take comfort in Peter's authorship?
3. Is this a letter written by one particular guy to a group of particular churches who lived 2,000 years ago and has nothing to do with us, or is there something in verse 1 that indicates we should pay attention? What do you think "paying attention" to God's Word looks like?
4. In light of Peter's trying to prepare his readers to suffer well and stand firm in God's grace, has there ever been something for which you felt unprepared? What would have helped you be more prepared? In what ways are you preparing others to live for Christ in this world through discipleship?
5. Peter uses the word "exiles" to remind believers that this world is not our permanent home; why then, do we often live as if it is? In what ways do you think you are currently living more as a resident than a sojourner?
6. Why do you think Peter uses phrases such as "elect" and "according to the foreknowledge of God" to spur hope for those who were currently or would soon be suffering? In a world of rejection, what are your thoughts knowing that believers are all chosen (or wanted) by God?
7. How can the fact believers are known by God fuel our desire to live for His name in this world instead of trying to make a name for ourselves?
8. How does Peter describe the Trinity's involvement in our salvation? Which part, if any, can we make happen ourselves?
9. Peter writes to call his readers not only to hope but to holiness. Why is "for obedience to Jesus Christ" such an important phrase in an evangelical world that often emphasizes "as long as you prayed the sinner's prayer you are good?"
10. What are some examples of God's grace and peace being multiplied in your life?
11. What are you hoping to get out of participating in a Connect Group this semester?