



Context | 1 Peter 1:3-12

This first section in 1 Peter is an introduction to the whole letter. It gives us a context for the letter and also for our lives. We are reminded that even in suffering, God is up to something bigger than what we can see. As we put our lives in context, we have the ability to move into the depths of who we were created to be.

Through what kind of lens do you typically view your life?

REVIEW

How does understanding the three aspects of salvation help you understand the Christian life?

READ/REFLECT

1 Peter 1:3-12

Read through these verses.

How does God cause us to be born again? (cf. Eph. 2:8-9) Why is it important to understand this?

What is our "living hope"? How is it tied to the resurrection? (cf. Eph. 1:19-23)

How does knowing that you'll be rewarded for Christ-like living (the idea of "inheritance") encourage you to faithfulness in the here and now?

How are you encouraged to know that your salvation "will be revealed" in the future?

What does it mean to see your faith as "better than gold?"

RESPOND

What would it look like to rejoice in the midst of your present trials? How does knowing God's plans help you?

What, specifically, will you do to put these realities into practice each day?

REACH OUT in prayer

Ask each person in the group to share how others can pray for them to apply these truths to their lives. Take a few moments to record the responses and then pray for one another.