International Bible Study Commentary
Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible
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1 Peter 1:1–12 Discussion Questions

Choose 1 or more Questions from each of the five below.

1. Peter described believers as chosen exiles, set apart by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:1–2).

How could knowing they belonged to God encourage believers who felt like strangers where they lived?

What does the work of the Father, the Spirit, and Jesus Christ teach us about God's care for His people?

How can we show that we belong to Jesus through our choices and our treatment of others this week?

2. God's great mercy gives believers a living hope through Christ's resurrection and an unfading inheritance kept in heaven (1 Peter 1:3–5).

Why does Peter connect our living hope with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?

How does an inheritance that cannot perish, be defiled, or fade differ from the things people depend on here?

How can trusting God's power to guard us through faith help us face an uncertain future?

3. Believers can rejoice while grieving through trials that test the genuineness of their faith (1 Peter 1:6–7).

How can a Christian experience real grief and still rejoice in the hope God has given?

Why does Peter describe tested faith as more precious than gold, even gold refined by fire?

How can we encourage someone in a difficult trial without dismissing their pain or pretending to know why it happened?

4. Believers love and trust Jesus without seeing Him and rejoice as they receive the salvation of their souls (1 Peter 1:8–9).

What have you learned about Jesus that helps you love and trust Him even though you have not seen Him?

How does the joy Peter describes differ from happiness that depends on comfortable circumstances?

What can you do this week to strengthen your trust in Jesus and share His hope with someone who is discouraged.

5. The prophets foretold Christ's sufferings and glories, and the gospel was announced through the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:10–12).

What do the prophets' careful searching and the angels' interest show us about the value of our salvation?

How does the Spirit's work through the prophets and those who preached the gospel help us see God's unfolding plan?

As you study God's Word, what truth about Jesus can you share to help someone else love, trust, or obey Him?