

Resilient Faith: A Study of 1 Peter

Group Guide | January 4

Open with prayer and a question (5 minutes).

Begin your time together as a group with a word of prayer. Thank God for this space to learn, share, and grow!

- What is one way you experienced God's goodness this Christmas and New Years season?
- What is one area you're hoping to grow in in 2026?

Discuss the theme of Resilient Faith (20 minutes)

- Would you classify your faith as resilient? Why or why not?
- Have you ever had to exercise resilient faith? Explain.
- How might focusing on a resilient faith at the beginning of this year help orient you for the rest of the year?

READ 1 Peter 1:1-2 and then discuss the sermon (35 minutes).

- What stood out or challenged you from Dan's sermon on Sunday?
- As you think back over the survey of Peter's life that Dan gave us on Sunday (or as you think about Peter's life in general), what qualities in him do you see worthy of emulation?
- As Dan mentioned, Peter was described as someone who had "been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). If people gave a description of your life, would they say the same?
- How can you be more "with Jesus" this year in 2026?
- Where do you feel like an "exile" or stranger in this world right now because of your faith?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned how Christianity has undergone three sort of phases in relation to the world:
 - Positive World: Faith brings opportunities
 - Neutral World: Faith is inconsequential
 - Negative World: Faith solicits opposition

How might we, as Christians, need to think and live differently now that we are living in a "negative world" as opposed to either a positive or neutral one?

- How does being "chosen" by the Father help you when in seasons where you feel estranged?
- In these first two verses, Peter links our election/choosing by the Father and cleansing by the blood of Jesus and the sanctifying work of the Spirit to "obedience to Jesus Christ." Where in your daily life are you needing to obey Jesus more fully?

If applicable, reflect on the 90-Day Bible Reading Plan (20 minutes)

- What was your time reading the New Testament and Psalms like for you this week?
- What is something you learned?
- What stood out or challenged you from God's Word?

Finish with prayer requests and prayer (5 minutes).

As you end your group time, share your prayer requests. Have someone record them and send them out to everyone. Then, finish by having someone pray over your group.