

Lesson 2 - 1 Peter 2



1 Peter 2:6

“For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”” ESV

Day 1 *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 2:1-3

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: Peter says Christians are to lay aside certain behaviors and attitudes. The phrase “lay aside’ means to take off something, such as a garment. Sin causes us to be distracted from the things of God, it weakens us and causes us to be malnourished and stunts our maturity. We are to ‘put-off’ those things and be renewed in the spirit of our mind (Ephesians 4:22). The psalmist knew the secret to keeping his heart and ways pure, by hiding God’s Word in his heart. (Psalm 119:9-11). God has not left His children without resources and tools to become strong, and mature; but it means discipline on our part to daily take in the right kind of nourishment.

1. Using your Bible dictionary, look up the meaning of each word below then briefly write practical ways to gain victory in overcoming these areas?

a) Malice-

d) Envy-

b) Deceit-

e) Evil Speaking-

c) Hypocrisy-

2. How should you desire the Word of God? Why is it so important? (v2)

Commentary: Some Christians live in Never-Never Land where like Peter Pan, they never grow up and don’t desire to. They would rather be free of obligations and responsibilities; being spoon fed and eating soft food their entire Christian life. Babies aren’t sent into battle, adults are. When we come to terms with the reality that we have an enemy at our heels, seeking to destroy us, we have to grow strong and mature in the knowledge and character of Christ or we will be defeated.

3. How strong is your desire for God’s Word? How can you make the desire even stronger?

4. Have you tasted the goodness of God in your life? Share a few ways the Lord has been gracious to you.

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 2:4-10

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

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Digging Deeper

1. What does Peter say about Jesus and those who are born again? (v4-5)

2. What are our spiritual sacrifices?
 - a. Romans 12:1

 - b. Philippians 4:18

 - c. Hebrews 13:15

3. Why is Jesus a stumbling block to some people and not to others? (v6-8)

Commentary: God still has a plan for the nation of Israel, the 'church' has not replaced her in His plans. In his commentary Pastor Chuck Smith says, "The church is responsible to bring forth the fruit that God longs for in the world today."

4. Describe what you are as a follower of God. (v9)

5. What are we to proclaim?
 - a. Write a prayer reflecting that attitude.

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 2:11-12

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: The Apostle Peter's passion and concern for the Christians is clearly seen in these two verses. He reminds them, and us, we are only sojourners and pilgrims. In the original language it reads "strangers and pilgrims". The word stranger (paroikos) means: one who lives on earth as a stranger, a sojourner on the earth speaking of Christians whose home is in heaven". Peter addressed this letter to the Jewish believers, but most of us being Gentiles (v12) have the same purpose for being here, to bring glory to God's holy name to live our lives in such away that others will see Him in us.

1. What wars against the soul and what are we to do? (v11)

2. What can this 'war' cause if we don't abstain from these desires? (James 4:1)

3. What does it mean to have your *conduct be honorable*?
 - a. What does living honorably and righteously '*look*' like? Give practical examples.

4. Take a few minutes to pray and ask the Lord to help you live in such a way that people around you will see Jesus through you.

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 2:13-17

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Today's passage deals with the Christian and how to relate to the ruling government. At the time of this writing the Roman Empire, run by Nero, was the ruling authority. The famous fire of Rome in 64 A.D. was probably set by Emperor Nero himself, but he blamed Christians which resulted in widespread persecution. Imagine how difficult it must have been for Peter to write these words knowing they would be difficult to hear no less act upon.

1. Peter directs Christians to submit to what and why? (v13-15)

2. Read Romans 13:1. How can we honor or show respect for those in governmental authority?

3. The ruling council in Jerusalem commanded Peter and the other apostles to **not** teach in Jesus' name. What is Peter's reply? (Acts 5:29)

Commentary: Pastor David Guzik states "since governments have a rightful authority from God, we are bound to obey them - unless, of course, they order us to do something in contradiction to God's law. Then, we are commanded to obey God before man".

4. List and explain the four brief commands in v17, give practical application.

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Step 1 God's Word- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a **verse** that stood out to you the most and write it below.

1 Peter 2:18-25

Step 2 Comprehend the Word- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Connect It To You - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record other verses or cross reference verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Call to Action- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

“True beauty is that of the hearts.
Seek to develop an inward beauty;
And you will gain the greater benefit.”

~Chuck Smith