

Lesson 4 - 1 Peter 4



“Peter realized we all spent enough time living like the world. Now we are called to live like Christians. It is a profound, and foolish, waste of time for Christians to live like the world, and we must simply stop being double-minded and start living as Christians.”

~David Guzik

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 4:1-6

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

Jesus was committed to saving us all from our sins and with that attitude He was able to endure the suffering He faced in our place. The day you said 'Yes' to Jesus was the day you got on the enemy's list. Make no mistake, Christians are in a battle and Peter reminds us that we are to have the same mind and the same attitude Jesus had if we are to endure hardships and even persecution.

1. Knowing what other believers have endured, even today, what do you hope you would do if faced with severe persecution?
2. When you hear of Christians around the world suffering for their faith, what questions come to your mind?
3. Read Matthew 5:29-30. Jesus did not mean we should literally do these things, but what does it reveal to you about your commitment to count the cost and follow Him?
4. What instruction are we given in 1 Peter 4:2?
5. What does the world think of Christians and what will they have to eventually do? (v4-5)

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 4:7-10

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 Corinthians 13 is known as the 'Love' chapter. Paul writes about what true Agape love is like. We all know in our flesh, we cannot love perfectly, only Jesus did that; however, it is something we are to strive for and work at. "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Peter writes that the "end of all things is at hand"; this statement could mean a couple of different things. Peter could have been referring to (1) the destruction of Jerusalem, or (2) the Rapture. In either case, how we behave as followers of Jesus Christ is important.

1. What are Christians to be doing in light of these last days? (v7)

2. When we have trouble looking past someone else's sin, what are we to do? (v8)

3. How does loving someone "cover a multitude of sins"? What do you think this means? Use commentaries also if available and write down your resources.

When asked "What is your gift?" do you immediately think, "gift? talent? I don't have any"; but the Scripture clearly tells us everyone has received a gift or talent and we are to use it to bring glory to God. List just one gift you feel is definitely from the Father.

4. Define "hospitality," then list other passages about it and some examples of what hospitality involves.

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 4:11-16

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

When you are given the gift of speaking the oracles of God, Peter says “do it”. There is always some fear or nervousness in speaking about Him, but it helps to remember it is not about you, it’s all about Jesus, so how can you hold back from sharing such a glorious truth! Ask the Lord for the right words. He will always speak through the willing follower who surrenders to Him.

1. Even if you are not speaking in front of a group of people what should our speech always be like? (Ephesians 4:29)

2. When we do anything what must we remember? (v11 and 1 Corinthians 10:31)

3. Why do you think Peter had to tell Christians not consider fiery trials as something strange?

4. How can we have joy in our suffering?

5. When you are insulted (*reproached*) for His name, why should you consider yourself blessed? (v14)

6. What are some things we should **not** suffer for? (v15)

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 4:17-19

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?

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Read 1 Peter 4 to complete today's homework

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method.

"S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture.

S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

Scripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

Observation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

Application: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

Prayer: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.