

Joyful Life Bible Studies



I PETER

Overview

Lesson 2

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Recall from last week's lesson or lecture one thing that speaks to you today.
2. This week's Overview lesson has been written to give you a preview of I Peter. Begin by taking a few minutes to read this short but compelling letter. Jot down one or two general observations from your reading.
3. You will discover that I Peter is as relevant to us today as it was when it was first written. Believers living in the twenty-first century also need to know and apply the practical instructions and exhortations found in this letter. With this in mind begin your personal study of this book by writing a prayer asking the Lord to prepare your heart and mind to learn and apply all that He reveals to you. Write your prayer here.

*... Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
Meditate upon these things;
give thyself wholly to them;
... continue in them. . .
I Timothy 4:13b,15,16b*

SECOND DAY: Read I Peter 1

1. In our Overview of I Peter we will cover one chapter each day. As you read these chapters watch for repeated words and phrases. This will help you identify the main emphasis and key subjects of Peter's letter. Begin today by reading Chapter One. Observe one blessing or promise mentioned in I Peter 1:2-12 and write it here.

a. Print one of the commands recorded in I Peter 1:13-22.

2. Which particular verse from I Peter 1 stands out to you?

a. Why?


3. Although Peter was aware that these believers were suffering, he directed their attention toward their spiritual blessings in Christ. How would this have helped them experience victory in the midst of their trials?

a. How will this help you in the midst of your trials?

THIRD DAY: Read I Peter 2


1. Through your reading of Chapter Two you will notice Peter's exhortation and practical instruction to believers. Which exhortation or instruction especially speaks to you today?

- a. Share why.
2. In I Peter 2 the author uses different metaphors and similes (figurative language) to convey his message. Find and record one or two of these. Example: *newborn babes* - verse 2.
3. Complete today's lesson by concentrating for a few moments on I Peter 2:21-24. Write a sentence expressing your thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for suffering on the cross for your sins.

*Lord, I stand in wonder at the sacrifice You made.
With mercy beyond measure, my debt You freely paid.*
-selected 

FOURTH DAY: Read I Peter 3

1. Read I Peter 3:10 for a glimpse into how relevant this chapter is to each of our lives. Choose a phrase or verse from this chapter that challenges, blesses or instructs you and tell why.
2. In Chapter Three Peter used several notable Old Testament individuals to illustrate a point. Which one of these would you like to learn more about and why?
3. What part of this chapter are you most eager to study?

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me
-selected 

FIFTH DAY: Read I Peter 4

1. Woven throughout the letter of I Peter is the hope of Christ's return. With this hope in mind scan Chapter Four. Notice the exhortations that encourage believers to live for the Lord. What verse, command or thought especially speaks to you?
 - a. What affect should the promise of Christ's return have on your life?

2. From I Peter 4 record one phrase or statement written about:
 - a. Christ

 - b. God

3. What encourages you the most in this chapter?

SIXTH DAY: Read I Peter 5

1. Peter finished his letter in a powerful way with a series of succinct instructions, exhortations and promises. Choose one of these and write it here.
 - a. Briefly share how it ministers to you.

2. From I Peter 5 write one phrase or comment about:
 - a. Peter

b. the flock of God

c. the Chief Shepherd

3. Through your lesson this week what verse from I Peter 1-5 especially ministered to you? Write it here.

4. In what way has the Overview lesson encouraged or motivated you to study I Peter?

5. If you were to provide a title for I Peter, what title would you give it?

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God,
and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
That the man of God may be perfect,
thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
II Timothy 3:16,17*