



One 2021: wk 1 Peter Intro

Introduction: Of all of Jesus' original 12 disciples, we see the most about Peter in the Gospels, and really throughout the New Testament. Because we know so much about him, it helps us put weight on his testimony about Jesus and what discipleship looks like, even in the face of persecution.

Discussion Questions

1. Without looking it up, as a group let's name all the things we know or think we know about Peter.
2. How does knowing what we know about Peter lend credence to his testimony about Jesus?
3. **Read Matthew 16:15-18** What is significant about Peter's response and Jesus' reply to him? What is the "rock" that Jesus would build his church on?
4. **Read John 6:67-69** Do you think this exchange helps explain Peter's confidence that he would never leave Jesus? Why is Peter so firm in his support of Jesus here?
5. **Read John 21:15-19** Why do you think Jesus asks Peter this question 3 times? Did Jesus need him to say it 3 times? In response to his answers Jesus gives him a job – in what ways does Peter go about completing that job/task?
6. Peter writes to a group of Christians that are scattered and facing persecution in the letter of 1 Peter. Imagine you are receiving this letter for the first time. When you hear it's from Peter, what goes through your mind?
7. How can Peter's ups and down encourage you as you try to walk behind Jesus?

Shaping Your Mind – *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... 1 Peter 1:3*

Moving Forward – While we aren't home yet, let's continue to pray and act to make it on earth as it is in heaven.