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*living stones*  
1 PETER

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## ABOUT THIS STUDY

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We are **living stones**.

Elect exiles.

Built on Christ, in relationship with each other.

We are strong, resilient, different, because of who Christ is and what He has done for us in the gospel.

*Living stones*: not stoic, static rock, but alive and strong, linked in vibrant relationship, together built on Christ. We live otherworldly lives, holy and eternally focused. We have a sure hope, stable in a shaky world.

Holy lives.

Living hope.

Held together in Christ.

It might feel like we're exiles—and we are, but we're a stronger community because of it. Sturdy in the gospel, sure in our present situation and future promises.

So go for it! Live differently in your personal life, in your marriage, at home, under authority, in politics, work, everywhere.

Christ has made you His and each others'. There is life in Him, living *for* Him, *with* one another.

**Let's live to proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into light, out of exile into community, out of death into life.**

Follow the below schedule to study the passages on your own, and discuss what God is showing you together with your group. More Bible study resources can be found at [thewellsilverspring.org/resources](http://thewellsilverspring.org/resources).

## PERSONAL DAILY STUDY

Following the below process, prayerfully read the scheduled passage of scripture. Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. Also consider the below supplemental questions per each given week. You can also check out our other simple guides online for additional Bible study resources at [thewellsilverspring.org/resources](http://thewellsilverspring.org/resources).

### What Does It Say?

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First, we ask: *“What does this say?”*

Read the passage a few times and carefully observe the words; give full attention to what it says. The purpose is to saturate in the content of the passage.

Look for things such as: important words (what’s being talked about), conjunctions (how is one idea connected to another), admonitions (something being commanded), contrasts, comparisons, illustrations, repeated phrases/ words, mood, and grammatical construction (verb tenses, prepositional phrases, etc.).

Linger here, listening to what God is saying in the detail of His words. Write down questions that the passage raises for you, things you don’t understand, ideas you’d like to pursue further.

### What Does It Mean?

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We now ask ourselves: *“What does it mean?”*

Use the observations you just gathered, the context of the section, and other passages of scripture to get at the meaning of what you have read.

Consider using [a commentary](#), the [GROW](#) or [SOAP](#) Bible study tools, the [ESV Study Bible](#) notes, or other resources to help.

Next, summarize the main truth you heard from God in His word.

Consider writing out the synthesized truth in your own words. Outline, diagram, draw, or flowchart the line of thought or main idea of the passage. What jumped out

### So What?

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Now we must ask: *“So what?”*

After meeting God in His word, we cannot ignore, or walk away unchanged. Why does the truth you heard matter to you today?

Is there something new to believe, cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there something for you to do (or not do) in response to what you have read?

Is there someone with whom to share this truth (believer or nonbeliever)?

Do not forget to apply the gospel for your forgiveness, and as the reason compelling your obedience:

***Christ is enough!***

He has forgiven you for \_\_\_\_\_  
and He is the reason why we \_\_\_\_\_.

## WEEK 1: *Introduction*

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### READ

## The Book of 1 Peter; *two times*

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### QUESTIONS

After reading the book twice, what sticks out to you about the letter?

Any themes or phrases that jump out to you?

Consider reading the ESV Study Bible (or below commentary suggestions) introduction/background for the book. Watch the Bible Project video for a helpful overview.

### SO WHAT?

What do you learn about God?

What do you learn about yourself, others, the church, the world?

Talk specifically to God about these things. Confess anything that you feel conviction in, rejoice where you see His grace, talk with Him openly and honestly.

## WEEK 2: *Gospel Glory*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 1:1-12; *focus on v. 8-9*

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### QUESTIONS

What are the different blessings described in this passage?

What is the reality now, and the reality of our future?

Focus in on verses 8-9. Describe, reword, dig into this section.

“Salvation” is repeated in this passage. How would you define it? Observe the different specific facet highlighted in each of the times it is mentioned.

### SO WHAT?

Where do you enjoy these blessings specifically and tangibly in your life, today and to come?

Would you say that verses 8-9 summarize your relationship with Jesus right now? Why or why not?

How is your focus on today, or tomorrow, either helpful or detrimental in your life?

## WEEK 3: *Gospel Obedience*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 1:13-21

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### QUESTIONS

“Therefore” ties our obedience to the gospel (the good news of who Jesus is and what He has done for us). How are the two connected?

Explain from the passage why Jesus' sacrifice is so valuable?

How does God's word, obedience, and the gospel all work together?

### SO WHAT?

Do you treasure Jesus? Are your affections captivated by Him, who He is, and what He has done?

What motivates your obedience to Christ? What demotivates it?

Where are you not living a holy, pure, life? Confess these things specifically to Christ, be embraced and transformed by His embrace.

## WEEK 4: *Living Stones*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 2:1-12

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### QUESTIONS

Explain the metaphor used in this passage.

Read Exodus 25; 1 Chronicles 29; 1 Corinthians 3:6, 6:15-20; and 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. What is the same and what is different in where God dwells now, in Christ and by the Holy Spirit?

Who are we (v. 9-12)?

How does this impact our reality and purpose (v. 9-12)?

### SO WHAT?

Do you feel unstable now? Where? How?

How might relationships in the church, and focus on gospel truths impact this?

Is there a relationship you need to pursue to help you walk firmly in this time?

Is there someone with whom you need to share the good news of who Christ is, and do good towards, that they can find new foundation and stability in Christ?

## WEEK 5: *Subject to Authority*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 2:13-25

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### QUESTIONS

What is offensive about this passage?

What is otherworldly and beautiful about this passage?

How is Christ our example and power in the face of injustice?

### SO WHAT?

How do we approach societal justice/injustice and individual righteousness/holiness in the face of injustice?

Summarize God's teaching on authority, and assess your own response to the authorities in your own life (work, church, government, etc).

How does Christ's response shape how you might show Him off and live more like Him in these areas?



## WEEK 6: *Husbands & Wives*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 3:1-7

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### QUESTIONS

What is offensive about this passage?

What is otherworldly and beautiful about this passage?

Read Ephesians 5:22-33. How do love, respect, and mutual self-sacrifice inform the way in which a marriage is to be lived to its fullest?

### SO WHAT?

Husbands: where are you not loving and honoring self-sacrificially?

Wives: where are you not supporting and respecting self-sacrificially?

How might you confess your shortcoming to your spouse, ask for forgiveness and embrace them with the love of Christ? What next steps might be helpful?

Are you ready for Christ's return? Why or why not?

## WEEK 7: *Surprising Good Deeds*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 3:8-22

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### QUESTIONS

What are the ways we are called to do good, as God's people?

What are the specific results of doing good, mentioned in the passage?

How is Christ connected to these concepts?

What do verses 18-22 mean? We know that baptism does not save (Ephesians 2:8-10), but here the passage *seems* to say it does.

### SO WHAT?

Are you living in a way that people would ask you for the reason for the hope that you have? Are you surprisingly different because of Christ?

What are some ways at work, home, or in your neighborhood that you could live in a surprisingly different, good, way? What might you do or not do?

Are you prepared to give a reason, highlighting Christ, for the way that you live?

Think about your response now:

*I live sacrificially as a husband because...*

*I work with excellence and creativity because...*

*We are considering foster care because...*

## WEEK 8: *Surprising Holiness*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 4:1-11

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### QUESTIONS

Why does a Christian's holiness and good deeds lead to suffering?

How does the end relate to today in this passage?

Which of the listed acts of holiness jump out to you?

### SO WHAT?

Are you living in a way that people are surprised that you do not join them in certain unholy activity? Are you surprisingly different because of Christ?

How do you not join in, while still caring for people, being kind and humble, not condemning or judgmental?

Where do you need to confess to God, or others, your sinfulness in order to be embraced by their grace and compelled to holy living? Do so.

## WEEK 9: *Suffering with Christ*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 4:1-12-19

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### QUESTIONS

How is Jesus described in relation to our suffering?

What are all the facets in which His suffering connects with ours?

What does it mean to “entrust our souls” to God?

How would you summarize God’s view of suffering, and how to endure it?

### SO WHAT?

Where are you suffering or sad right now?  
Talk to God about these things in light of the truths of this passage.

How do you need others to walk with you in this?  
Reach out to them.

Who around you is sad or suffering, right now?  
Reach out to them with a note, text, etc.

What might God be doing in your life in a deep way, through your or another person’s suffering?

# WEEK 10: *Elders, Pastors, Leaders*

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## READ

## 1 Peter 5:1-5

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### QUESTIONS

How does Christ relate with any leader of the church?

How are leaders in the church to care for the people of the church?

How are church members to relate to leaders in the church?

What is the overarching metaphor, and how does that give meaning and clarity to the relationships mentioned?

### SO WHAT?

How are you being a faithful—or unfaithful—leader? Where are you being a faithful or unfaithful member?

What would change about your relationship with the church, as a leader or as a member, if you were to make proactive changes in this area? What steps might you take?

Pray for your leaders:

*Elders and wives*

*Church staff*

*Community group and 3D leaders*

*Sunday morning teams*

*Family & kids' ministry*

Pray for your leadership under Christ: service to the church, humility, investment, etc.

## WEEK 11: *Our Enemy*

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### READ

## 1 Peter 5:6-14

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### QUESTIONS

What is unexpected, or shocking, about this passage?

What are we commanded to? Why?

What are we promised? When?

What sticks out to you in Peter's closing (v. 12-14)?

### SO WHAT?

Where do you need to humble yourself before God? Why? How?

Are you aware of the devil's desire to destroy your marriage, work, singleness, joy, hope and life? Where is your own flesh, the world's pull, or Satan attempting to destroy your life?

What does it look like for you to resist?

Read James 4:7-8 What does submitting, confessing, and drawing near to God look like? What is the promise for us in this process?

## TOGETHER WITH YOUR 3D GROUP

Use the following format to discuss the passage together in your 3D group. You'll find the specific supplementary questions for the scripture passages

in the above schedule. You can also find the full details for 3D discussion in our [3D Meeting Guide](#). Here is a summary:

### Bible

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*First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:*

- 1 What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?
- 2 How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?
- 3 Where is the gospel connected to this truth? What does this highlight about who we are, or about who God is?

### Life

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*Share about how this truth impacts your life today:*

For you today, why does this specifically matter?

Is there something God calling you to obey in response to His word?

Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe, promise to cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there someone to share this truth with?

### Prayer

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*Pray throughout your time together.*

Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared.

Close in prayer.

Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation.

Praise Him.

Confess sin to Him.

Thank Him.

Ask Him for His power and provision.