

1 Peter – group study questions #1

Connecting with One Another:

If you were to plan a month-long road trip anywhere within British Columbia, where would you go? (Assume no Covid restrictions)

- Would you visit family/friends or go to new undiscovered places?
- How long would you stay in each place?
- Would you plan everything beforehand or decide each day as it unfolded?

Encountering the letter:

READ the whole letter together – pausing briefly along the way to note points of interest, confusion, or relevance. Don't feel the need to answer of this, just note what stands out.

Having read the letter,

- Are there any verses or portions of the letter that are particularly familiar, or already significant for you?
- Are there any verses or portions of the letter that are particularly confusing or troubling?
- What key words or ideas stand out as possibly core to Peter's concern? And how do these concerns relate to our lives today as followers of Jesus in the place where we live?

Focussing on this week's text:

Now READ 1 Peter 1:1-2 again.

When **you** write a letter to a friend (not just an e-mail or text), what are your customary greetings or endearing phrases?

- What stands out to you about Peter's initial greeting – what he says about himself and/or about the recipients?

Stan Gaede once wrote, "We live in strange times. Or the times we live in make strangers out of folks like me. I'm not sure which." ([When Tolerance is No Virtue](#))

- What, if anything, makes you feel like a stranger in a stranger land in your own society?

Reread what Peter says about their being chosen ("*according to the foreknowledge... through the... to be...* ").

- Thinking about your life with God in this season, which of these captures something you long for, and why?

Praying for One Another

Discuss together what experiencing 'grace and peace in abundance' could mean in the everyday of our lives – and then pray this for one another, and for others in our lives...