

# 1<sup>st</sup> Peter—Group Study Questions #5

## Connecting With One Another

A personal & group diagnostic: We currently find ourselves in the yearly adjustment between autumn and the season of Advent and Christmas. For you, does this cause encouragement, anxiety or simply feeling 'stretched' this particular year? Spend some time connecting with one another about your real life right now.

## Entering 1 Peter

Take a few minutes to recall together where we've been thus far in Peter's first letter:

- who wrote this letter and what do we keep learning about the author?
- to whom the letter was addressed and what was going on in their lives? Are they like us?
- why was the letter written?

## Encountering the text together

READ 1 Peter 2:4-10 together out loud—SLOWLY—in one or two different translations. Something that may help bring the passage to life: have a second person read the scriptural quotations of verses 6, 7, 8.

- Take a moment to share any initial observations, words that puzzle you or catch your attention, ideas that resonate or feel jarring.
  - Does this passage seem to be naturally penned by a former fisherman? A builder? A jeweller?
  - How might Peter have acquired this vocabulary to describe life with Jesus?
- What are some couplets in this passage that seem to place two seemingly different words together (eg. "living stone")?
- Which word pictures seem tactile (eg. "house") and which seem intangible (eg. "precious")?
  - Do you find it personally stretching or awkward to combine them into a single concept?
  - When Peter uses the word "stone" in this passage does he always mean the same thing (i.e. does it function the same way)?
- When Peter uses the word "you" in verses 10 & 11, does he mean it individually or congregationally, or a combination of both?
- Why does God extend mercy?
  - What does it express about his character and action?
  - What does it do for the likes of us?

## Praying Alongside One Another

- Take time to pray out of what you've discussed and shared – praying for one another and others who might also come to mind.
- Pray for each other as individuals, as a group, as Lambrick's congregation, as God's expression through us, and others of his people all over the world.