

## 1<sup>st</sup> Peter—Group Study Questions #11

### Connecting With One Another

Since Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> is a baptism Sunday at Lambrick AND this week's passage in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter deals with the subject of baptism:

- If you have been baptized, at what point in your life did it happen? Infancy, teen years, adulthood?
- Do you remember if and how it impacted you emotionally, socially, spiritually?
- If you haven't been baptized, what might be the reason(s) that you haven't? (This question is NOT meant to provoke guilt or defensiveness, merely to connect your story with others)

### Entering 1 Peter

Recalling 1 Peter 2: 11 to 3: 17, in what 'category or categories' of Peter's letter recipients do you identify yourself?

- Is some of it for other people and not you personally?
- What have you learned about your relationships with other people? (Be specific about the 'what' and 'who')
- Are you struggling with either understanding or accepting any of Peter's counsel?

### Encountering the text together

READ 1 Peter 3: 18-22 together out loud—SLOWLY—in one or two different translations (perhaps even in non-English languages if this is helpful for you).

- Take a moment to share any initial observations, words that puzzle you or catch your attention, ideas that resonate or feel unsettling.
  - List by either name or role the characters mentioned in these five verses.
  - List the physical locations to which Peter refers. Which ones are easier to understand than others?
  - If you were to draw a horizontal timeline, place the events that Peter describes at their appropriate place along the line (i.e. past, present or future).
- Since we've now just begun the church's season of Lent (a time of self-examination and joyful appreciation as we follow Jesus' journey towards his crucifixion and resurrection), what are some things in 1 Peter 3:18-23 that 'fit in' with this season?
  - What are some specific 'rescuing' actions that Peter attributes to Jesus?
  - How does Peter use physical things and actions to illustrate spiritual truths?
  - What things in this passage can we know with confidence and what things are a mystery to 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. Perhaps begin with a time of quiet reflection and allow God to speak to you.
- 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. In these days perhaps remember especially our spiritual kinfolk in Russia and Ukraine.