



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Hopeful: Of Grace and Peace

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2

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1. How familiar are you with Peter the Apostle? Are there aspects of his story that are most memorable to you?
2. Have you been able to read 1 Peter before? If so, are there verses or passages that are meaningful to you? If so, why?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:1 and 5:12–14. What do we know about the author of this book? (See also John 1:35–42; 21:15–17; Acts 4:13; and Gal. 2:1–10.)
4. What is significant about Peter calling his readers “exiles” and “the Dispersion”? Why might he have called them that?
5. How are we “exiles” today?
6. Do you think of yourself as a “exile”? How do you think Peter expects that to affect the ways you think and act?
7. Peter wrote this letter from “Babylon” (1 Peter 5:13), by which he probably meant Rome. What do you think he meant by calling Rome “Babylon”? What is significant about his location?
8. “According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood” (1 Peter 1:1). In your own words, what does each of these statements about the three members of the Trinity mean?
9. How would you define grace? How do you define peace? How may it be multiplied to you? Why is this an effective prayer at all times for all people?
10. Peter refers to suffering at least fifteen times in this letter. Quickly skim this letter to find out why the recipients were suffering. How is God’s grace related to suffering?