

Life Together

UNLOCKING THE WISDOM OF FIRST PETER



Workbook

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INTRO TO SERIES

Have you ever been called a 'Bible-basher' or a 'God-botherer'? Have you felt the discomfort of making your love for Jesus more visible to others? Peter would say that's a good thing and we actually need more of it. But, there is a right way to do this.

Peter's first letter – written to scattered Christians doing it tough in the Roman empire – teaches us how to flourish as followers of Jesus in a climate of opposition. The secret is joining our hearts and really committing to our new identity in Jesus. As we think and act differently – like 'Exiles', 'Babies', 'Stones', 'Stewards', and much more – we will flourish beyond our greatest expectations.

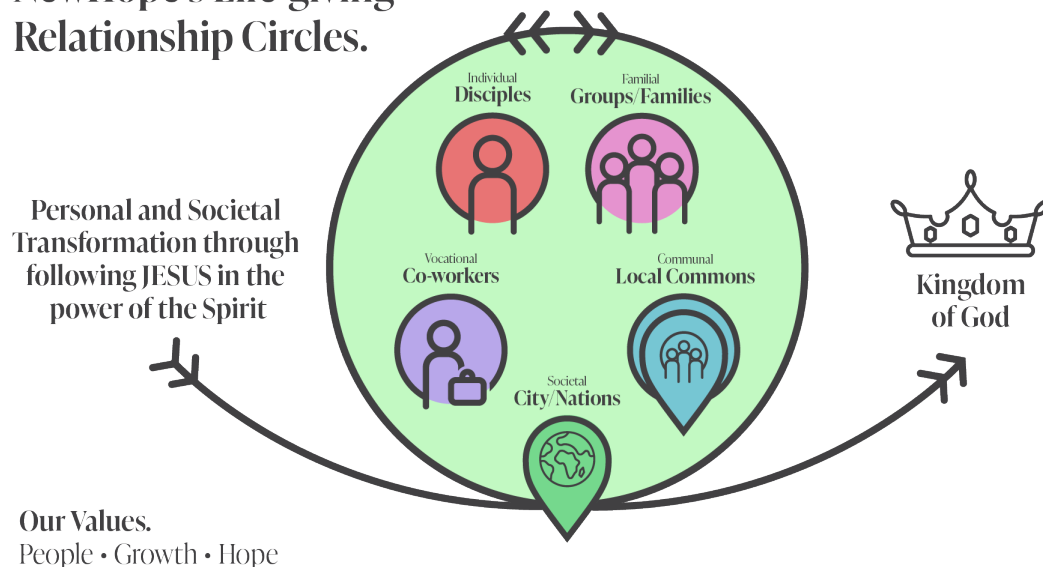
Peter's letter is timely for us. Coronavirus has scattered the church. Our culture is not friendly towards believers. And now, as we

transition to an exciting new season of 'Life Together' at NewHope, Peter's inspired words can help us rediscover and live Jesus' bold counter cultural vision.

As a part of this 6 part video series we have endeavoured to provide you interesting and thought provoking dialogue around a few excerpts of Peter's letter. This content along with the reflection questions are designed to open up conversation and begin a process of application of the content of Peter's letter into our lives today.

Read through the letter of 1 Peter (it will only take around 15 minutes) and may this series bless you as you seek to follow Jesus in increasingly significant ways in this moment of life.

NewHope's Life-giving Relationship Circles.



We believe the 5 circles represent the spheres in which Jesus is bringing reconciliation, transformation and hope to our world. We see him doing this in us as Individuals, we experience His life giving presence in Families and Groups, we live out His ways in our Vocations, become an image of His living presence as a Local Commons' and live to see His ways transform our Society.

This is the call of Jesus to NewHope and we are passionate about living in His life giving ways.

As you progress through each episode of this series, consider how the wisdom of 1 Peter is speaking into any of these 5 circles in your life. As we allow the Spirit of the Living God to speak to us we can begin to experience the life Giving Health He is calling each of us to.

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Episode 1: Life Together EXTRA: 1 Peter - Introduction & Background

1. What questions does this passage begin to stir in you?
2. What does this passage reveal to you about the character of God?
3. What is the encouragement and/or challenge for you as you read this passage? Why?
4. What is one thing you can put into action after reflecting on this passage?
5. Who in your life comes to mind when you read this passage? (a person or group of people?) Why?

Episode 2: Life Together EXTRA: A New Birth into a Living Hope

1. Where in our modern life do you see similarities to the context Peter was writing to? Where are there differences?
2. What does this passage reveal to you about the character of God?
3. What does this passage begin to reveal to you about yourself?
4. What is the encouragement and/or challenge for you as you read this passage? Why?
5. What is one thing you can put into action after reflecting on this passage?

Episode 3: Life Together EXTRA: Living Stones

1. Where in our modern life do you see similarities to the context Peter was writing to? Where are there differences?
2. What questions does this passage begin to stir in you?
3. What does this passage reveal to you about the character of God?
4. What is the encouragement and/or challenge for you as you read this passage? Why?
5. Who in your life comes to mind when you read this passage? (a person or group of people?) Why?

Episode 4: Life Together EXTRA: Living as Servants of God

1. What concepts of life & faith might require careful reflection after reading this passage?
2. Where in our modern life do you see similarities to the context Peter was writing to? Where are there differences?
3. What does this passage begin to reveal to you about yourself?
4. What is one thing you can put into action after reflecting on this passage?
5. Who in your life comes to mind when you read this passage? (a person or group of people?) Why?

Episode 5: Life Together EXTRA: Guidelines for Suffering

1. Where in our modern life do you see similarities to the context Peter was writing to? Where are there differences?
2. What does this passage reveal to you about the character of God?
3. What does this passage begin to reveal to you about yourself?
4. What is the encouragement and/or challenge for you as you read this passage? Why?
5. What is one thing you can put into action after reflecting on this passage?

Episode 6: Life Together EXTRA: The Flock of God

1. What concepts of life & faith might require careful reflection after reading this passage?
2. What is the encouragement and/or challenge for you as you read this passage? Why?
3. What is one thing you can put into action after reflecting on this passage?
4. What has been a memorable aspect of this series and how do you seek to apply the content from 1 Peter into your life?