

Welcome

What's something that gives you hope when life feels difficult? (You can't just say your faith, be specific)



Worship

1 Peter begins with praise and joy. Sing a song of praise to God
or read Psalm 100 together

In your group each share something that you are thankful to God for this week.

Word

1. Read 1 Peter 1.1-12 as a group and pause. Before you begin the study turn to small groups and summarize the story to the person next to you. What stands out to you?
 - a. If you like, ask the four questions:
 - i. Where is God?
 - ii. Where are we?
 - iii. Since this is the word of God, what do I need to change in my life?
 - iv. Who am I going to tell about this?
2. *Context Tool:* If you're able to listen to [this video](https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-1-peter/) outlining 1 Peter by the Bible Project:
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3. *Author's Purpose Tool:* As we begin this series on 1 Peter, what is the purpose of this letter? (I think we can find several reasons in verse 2)
4. In Dig Deeper we looked for *Linking Words* to help us understand a passage.
 - a. What are we shielded by? (v5)
 - b. What proves our faith? (v7)
 - c. Why are we filled with joy? (v9)
5. In Dig Deeper we also looked for *repeated* words and themes. What is repeated throughout this passage (I found joy/rejoice, salvation)?
 - a. How does this reconcile with verse 6?
 - b. How can we rejoice in the face of verse 6?
6. There are various people in this passage (prophets, exiles, inheritors etc.). Who do you most identify with and why? *Who am I? Tool.*
 - a. How does this help you in your walk with God?



Witness

How do you find joy in your sufferings?

How can you support each other as a group?

