



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



1 PETER RECAP

OCTOBER 23, 2022 | TEACHING PASTORS

CHECK-IN QUESTIONS

- 1 What is something you are thankful for this past week?
- 2 What has stressed you out this week?
- 3 How can we respond to the needs just expressed in our group, and those in our community?
- 4 The last time your group met, was there anything you committed to after reflecting on Scripture? Were you obedient to what God laid before you? What steps did you take, or not take? How can we help?

QUICK REVIEW (OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO SHARE WHAT MOST STOOD OUT FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE)

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard that caught your attention, encouraged, challenged, or confused you?

DIG DEEPER (OBSERVATIONS FROM THE SCRIPTURE OR COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE)

THE TEACHING PASTORS DISCUSSED THREE CORE ISSUES THAT CAME UP THROUGH 1 PETER. HERE ARE A FEW QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS FOR EACH ISSUE.

1 PRIESTS/PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS (1 Peter 2:4-5)

How does seeing yourself as a priest change how you see your role in the church?

How are you living out your priestly calling? Are there aspects of it that you struggle with?

2 SUFFERING (1 Peter 3:13-17)

For those who have not experienced deep suffering for their obedience to Jesus, why is it important to understand what it means to suffer in a way that honors God?

3 HUMILITY (1 Peter 5:5b-11)

Why is humility needed as we live as God's priests? What role does humility play in our suffering?

How does humility help you define your relationship with God and bring clarity to the mission He has called you to?

- 1** Based on what we've studied in 1 Peter, how has your trust and understanding of God changed or evolved?
- 2** Based on what we've studied in 1 Peter, can you identify any changes you need to make in your interactions with others?
- 3** **ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTION:** Based on the discoveries made in God's Word throughout this series in 1 Peter, what needs to change in your life? Who in your life needs to hear about what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you? Be ready to share your experience next time we meet!

CLOSING PRAYER

If you have not already done so, take some time to share needs and praises to your group so that you can pray for one another, both during your group and throughout the week.

NEXT WEEK: COMMITMENT SUNDAY, CORPORATE FAST, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Next week, there will be no discussion guide, as there will not be a message on Commitment Sunday. If your group meets next week, plan to eat a meal together and take time to check in and pray for each other.



We're inviting everyone to spend Wed, Nov 2 in a corporate fast of preparation and sanctification (setting apart) for God's purposes in our lives during the holiday season. At the end of the day, we'll gather in the Pavilion at 6 pm to break our fast together and have a time of worship.

Go to <https://cpmodesto.org/worshipnight> for more information.

PRAISE/PRAYER REQUESTS (TRY TO HAVE ONE OR A FEW PEOPLE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME)

Use this space or the back of this paper to write the requests and find a way to share those with the group so you can be praying for each other during the week.

TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME: Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request or praise. Once a praise or a need is shared, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next person.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE: If your group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one should be required to pray.

KEEP PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE: Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

How to Use this Discussion Guide

This guide is meant to serve you and your group as you intentionally create a healthy environment for Gospel community, growing in friendship, and becoming like Jesus together. Use the guide as a tool to help your unique group.

With that in mind, please review the guide before your group meets to see if some content or questions might resonate more or less with your group. Don't feel the need to ask every question during your group discussion. This guide is not meant to be something you power through for the sake of completing. Pick the content from the guide you feel will help your group grow in Gospel community. In addition, spend some time praying for your group each week, preparing your heart, and asking God for wisdom and guidance as you lead. We are praying for you too!

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