

## Resilient Faith: A Study of 1 Peter

Group Guide | January 18

### **Open with prayer (5 minutes).**

Begin your time together as a group with a word of prayer. Thank God for this space to learn, share, and grow!

### **Recap and reflect on Life Group Vision Nights (15 minutes)**

- On life group vision night, Dan talked about the different “seasons” that life groups will often go through (e.g. Formation, Orientation, Stabilization, Belonging, Care, Growth, Multiplication, Completion). What lingering thoughts do you have about what season you think your life group has been in, is in, and is potentially headed into?
- What other thoughts, comments, questions, or concerns do you have from Life Group Vision Night?

*Note: In the coming weeks, and in order to help you and your group focus in the right direction, a group guide for deeper reflection on Life Group Vision Nights and Life Group Covenants is coming. More details to follow!*

### **READ 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 and then discuss the sermon (30 minutes).**

- What resonated with you or challenged you from Jeff’s sermon on Christian love?
- In Jeff’s sermon, Jeff said that, “Being born again into the love of God and living in a community of love is life’s greatest joy.” Do you agree or disagree? Does this sentence ring as an accurate description of how you experience the Christian life? Explain.
- Do you sense yourself loving other believers *sincerely* or *authentically*? What gets in your way from doing so?
- In 1 Peter 1:22, Peter describes Christian love as “from the heart.” What differentiates shallow love from deep love or absolute love? What about your ability to love absolutely, or deeply? Do you withhold love from others? Is yours a surface level kind of love? Explain.
- How does the fact that “God is love” (1 John 4:8) and God’s love to us (in Jesus) empower us as Christians to love one another?
- In ways is your love for others modeled after God’s love? In what ways is your love for others incongruent with God’s love?
- Read 1 Peter 2:1. Do you see any of these aspects of what love is *not* showing up in your life lately? Where?

- In his sermon, Jeff shared that “We never grow beyond the need of receiving and offering love. The longing to receive God’s love endures through all eternity.” Where are you needing God’s love today?

**If applicable, reflect on the 90-Day Bible Reading Plan (20 minutes)**

- What was your time reading the New Testament and Psalms like for you this week?
- What is something you learned?
- What stood out or challenged you from God’s Word?

**Finish with prayer (5 minutes)**

Close your group time by sharing prayer requests and interceding for one another.