



Connection Group Participant Guide
January 3, 2021

1 Peter 1:1-12

Memory Verse

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. – 1 Peter 1:8-9

Key Principles

Peter is writing to Christians needing godly counsel as to how to act when they sense that the culture and the world seem to be hostile and aggressive toward them because of their Christian faith. In this context, he emphasizes three key principles. First, aim to do good. Second, be a verbal witness. And then third, remember the power of the gospel. In 1 Peter 1:1-12 specifically, Peter begins his first epistle by reminding his readers of the living hope they have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is because of this hope and God's free gift of salvation that they are to view their challenges in this world as opportunities for holy living.

Highlight

What is the purpose behind some Christians experience of suffering and persecution? (1:6-7)

Explain

In what ways has a trial strengthened your faith?

Apply

Do you have this kind of inexpressible joy mentioned in verse 8? Why or why not?

Respond in Prayer

- Adoration: Give God praise for the things that you see in this passage.
- Confession: Confess your known sins to God.
- Thanksgiving: Thank God for being a God who provides and protects.
- Supplication: Ask God that He would continue to guard over you by His power.