



A THEN + NOW PEOPLE

THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 3

CONNECT

- What's one of the first things you're going to do when the weather turns warm?
- Have you ever been made to feel "less than" by somebody's words? How did you cope with it?
- When somebody says something unkind to you, do you tend to have a fight or flight response? Can you give an example?

INTRODUCTION

Read: 1 Peter 2:11-12

In this part of his letter, Peter turns his attention outward. He wants to help these disciples know how to respond when people who don't follow Jesus dishonor them. We can summarize his response like this: Then-and-now

people show honor in the face of dishonor. He then applies this instruction to three areas that were particularly complicated and difficult for the disciples. In his words we learn the resources that God gives us to show honor in the face of dishonor.

READ & DISCUSS

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1 Peter 2:21-25

DISCUSS

This is the heartbeat of Peter's encouragement to the disciples. In it we see Jesus as the ultimate example of showing honor in the face of dishonor. He didn't hit back when he was hit with dishonor. Rather, he entrusted the hitting back to God. In what way does it affect you to know that God intends to judge on your behalf?

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1 Peter 2:13–20

DISCUSS

The first two authority systems Peter addresses are those between governing officials and the governed, and then masters and servants. His repeated instruction is to “be subject” to these authorities while doing good. We need to remember that this is the Roman Empire, and even when the disciples conducted themselves honorably, they’d often still be treated poorly. Think of some authority systems in our day and age that become complicated for disciples. Describe examples that come to mind of honorable versus dishonorable conduct in these authority systems.

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1 Peter 3:1-12

DISCUSS

Peter uses the illustration of Sarah calling Peter “lord” to show what he’s prescribing for wives to do when they’re dishonored by husbands who aren’t Christians. He’s referring to Genesis 18, where Sarah chooses to trust God rather than control the situation herself. Peter then reminds these disciples to take care of one another—to be a source of honor for each other when they don’t find honor anywhere else.

How can you apply this passage as a whole to your life?

PRAYER

- Pray for a vision of Jesus entrusting judgment to God.
- Pray for the courage to follow in the steps of Jesus.
- Pray for one another and speak honorable words over each other that came from your identity in Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible and prayed consistently the past week?
- Who is one lost person you're praying would come to faith?



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