

# FIRST PETER GUIDE

## READ

The most important step is to find a block of about 20 minutes and read 1 Peter word for word as carefully as you possibly can. It helps many people to have a pen in hand to underline key phrases or verses that really catch your attention.

## THINK

A great next step is to think about Peter himself. Many events of his life are recorded for us in the Gospels and in the Book of Acts. If you have an additional 20 minutes, a few passages like these will give you some background on Peter: Luke 5:1-11; Luke 9:18-36; Luke 22:24-34, 54-62; John 20:1-10; John 21:1-19; Acts 2:38-41; 4:1-13.

## STUDY

Reading becomes studying the Bible when you go back to consider carefully the verses you marked when reading the first time and write down your thoughts as the Holy Spirit leads you in understanding. Below are a few questions that relate to the verses noted with some lines to record your thoughts as you study a little deeper:

*1 Peter 1:23-25.* How would you describe Peter's perspective on the Bible and on life itself?

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*1 Peter 2:11-12.* How does Peter describe believers, and why does he advocate for living a holy life?

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*1 Peter 4:7-11.* What attitude and actions are representative of Christ followers?

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*1 Peter 5:6-9.* What perspectives and what clear teaching does Peter provide here?

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*Note: As you read and pray, you may choose additional verses and think about the appropriate questions to ask yourself. Questions that lead to the character of Christ, attitudes or actions to add to your life, and warnings of things to avoid are all important possible places for personal inquiry.*