

The Backstory

Know Pain, Know Gain series

Simon > Kephas (Aramaic) > Petros (Greek) > Peter > Simon Peter

1 Peter written Rome (Babylon) around 60 AD with help from Silvanus (Silas)

1 Peter starts with a greeting. And then verses 3-12 are a song of praise. And then following 3 movements or parts.

1:13-2:10 – Helps them see themselves as part of God's family.

2:11-4:11 – Suffering as a witness to Jesus.

4:12- 5:9 – Suffering and Future Hope.

Peter offers hope in the midst of suffering.

2 Peter written Rome around 65 AD

A final challenge for Jesus' followers to be a people who never stop growing.

Objection 1 – is that Peter and the other disciples made up this whole thing. (2 Peter 1:16-20)

Objection 2 - is there will not be a final reckoning. (2 Peter 2:1-3)

Objection 3 - It's been such a long time and Jesus hasn't come. (2 Peter 3:1-4)

God loves this world and is determined to rescue it through Jesus. That means he must confront and deal with evil to open the way to new future. That's what hope is!!!

Challenge:

Join a small group for only 6 weeks. Or if you just can't do that, do the readings to keep up with series.