<u>1 Peter 1</u>

- 1) Verse 3 says we have "new birth" into a "living hope" into an "inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade." What does it mean that we have a "living hope?" Does the way you invest your time show that you are investing into an inheritance that will fade or one that is eternal?
- 2) Verse 13 says we need to make conscious decisions on what we make our priorities. If we don't, we will likely devote ourselves to things of this world. Think about this. Make a godly priority list for your life. What needs to change in order to make this list reality in your life?
- 3) What does verse 17 mean when it says we should live our lives as foreigners with reverent fear? How can you do this better?

<u>1 Peter 2</u>

- 1) Based on verses 1-3, have you tasted that the Lord is good? Do you believe that? What do you need to rid your life of to bring your life to agreement with this? Call someone and have them hold you accountable in this.
- 2) Allow verses 9-10 to set in as your identity. That's who you are now. Reflect on this.
- 3) Verses 13-16 explain that we honor God by honoring and obeying authorities in our life. This even leads nonbelievers toward God! Who are these authorities in your life? Is your life obedient to this passage?

<u>1 Peter 3</u>

- 1) What does it mean to focus on adorning of the heart rather than adorning yourself outwardly?
- 2) In this culture women were expected to submit to their husband as the leader, and by weaker vessel, it simply means physically weaker. Men should honor their wives instead of taking advantage simply because they are physically stronger. In general verses 1-7 encourage spouses, and this can be extended to family in general, to look out for each other before self. Do you live this out?
- 3) Read verse 15. Spend time journaling about how you would explain to someone the hope you have in Christ.

<u>1 Peter 4</u>

- 1) Verses 1-5 call Christians to have the same commitment and perseverance with holy living as Jesus did in going to the cross for our sins. He acknowledges that this will have a social cost. Reflect on this.
- 2) Verses 7-9 calls Christians to live Spirit-filled lives in community with each other. Everything you do should point others toward Christ. Likewise, in saying love covers a multitude of sins, Peter is explaining the sweet, pure relationship of Christian community that embraces and loves people through their flaws. Can you relate to this? How can you live this out better?
- 3) What has your faith and devotion to God cost you? The Bible says rejoice because this is evidence that your faith is real. If it has cost you nothing, reflect on whether or not you've compromised your faith to blend in with the world.

<u>1 Peter 5</u>

- 1) Verses 1-5 guide Christian leaders. Who are you intentionally guiding closer to Christ? Based on this passage, are you leading well?
- 2) Do you follow with grace and humility? Elaborate.
- 3) Think about the trials and suffering believers around the world are experiencing. Does that encourage you? Reflect and find hope and peace in verses 10-11.