

**1. Peter's first letter**

- a) 1 Peter 1:1. What is the significance of the way Peter introduces himself?
- b) Who is his intended audience?

**2. The elect—chosen by God**

- a) 1 Peter 1:2
- b) 1 Peter 2:4
- c) 1 Peter 2:9
- d) If we are “chosen” according to the foreknowledge of God, do we still have freedom of choice or is the course of our lives predetermined?
  - i) 2 Peter 3:9
  - ii) 1 Timothy 2:3–4
  - iii) Ezekiel 33:11
  - iv) John 3:16

**3. An incorruptible and undefiled inheritance**

- a) 1 Peter 1:3–12
- b) What is this inheritance Jesus secured for each one of us?
- c) How did His resurrection from the dead secure our inheritance?
- d) What assurance is given to us that we will receive this inheritance?  
1 Peter 1:4b–5

**4. Living as heirs of the kingdom**

- a) 1 Peter 1:13–21

- b) Heirs of the kingdom are called to live holy lives, reflecting the holiness of God. Is holy living the way to salvation or an evidence that we have been born again to a living hope?
- c) As we grow in grace, why is it important to always rest our hope in Jesus? (v.13)

**5. Called to love**

- a) 1 Peter 1:22–25
- b) Peter restates the command of Jesus to “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). What impresses you about Peter’s appeal to “love one another fervently with a pure heart”?
  - i) The verb “love” here is ἀγαπάω (agapaó) agapé love.
  - ii) Fervently is only used 2x in NT. Also Acts 12:5
- c) What is the connection between holiness and love?
- d) How is it possible to more fully reflect the agapé love of God? (Romans 5:5)
- e) Share an experience where you saw someone loving others fervently with a pure heart.

**6. Discussion question**

- a) Why do you think Peter began his letter with such a strong emphasis on Jesus and keeping our eyes focused on Jesus?

