

# April 21 – 27

1 Peter | Born Again

**Icebreaker:** This study is about being born again. The physical process of birth is an analogy to what happens when Jesus saves us. How is human birth a helpful analogy for spiritual transformation?

## Read 1 Peter 1:1–5

- How does Peter identify himself? Why is this important?
- Who is he writing to? What do we know about these people?
- What is the significance of describing them as elect?
- In verse 2, Peter explains the foundation of his writing. Consider the significance of each element.
  - Foreknowledge means that God planned something before. It does not refer simply to something that God observed before. Why is this distinction important? Why is it important that God knew he would choose us before we were born?
  - What is sanctification? What is the Holy Spirit's role in this?
  - How does Scripture lead to obedience?
  - What is the role of Jesus' blood for the believer?
- Why does Peter give praise to God?
- What do we learn about being born again?
  - Who causes us to be born again?
  - On what basis does God give us new life?
  - What is the result of being born again?
- What is our inheritance? How is it described?
- How does a future inheritance give us hope now?
- According to verse 5, what is God doing for those who have been born again?
- What is the role of faith in salvation?
- Notice the time frame in which salvation is described in this passage. What is done for us past, present, and future? Why is it important to understand this?
- Peter begins this section by praising God for salvation.
  - When it comes to your salvation, what are you most thankful for?
  - Why do we often take our salvation for granted? What can a lack of gratitude for salvation cause in us?

***See the reverse side for a new assignment that will allow you to discover the Bible's message yourself.***

## **For Next Week**

We want you to study the Bible for yourself during this message series on 1 Peter. One easy method that has been around for a long time is the S.O.A.P. method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer).

This next week, take a few minutes to use the SOAP method in the passage for this coming Sunday: 1 Peter 1:6–9

## **The SOAP Method Explained**

### **Scripture**

Read through the passage for next week a couple of times. Choose one verse from the assigned passage that stands out to you. Write out the verse in a journal or something you can use for further study.

### **Observation**

Look at the verse with unbiased eyes to see what God is saying. Write out simple observations the verse communicates. Look for things like keywords, commands, promises, cause/effect, comparisons/contrasts, questions/answers, and purpose statements. Write out answers to the six big questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How. You want to discover the message the author intended for the original audience.

### **Application**

Reflect on how you can apply this verse to your life. Make it personal and specific to you. How can you implement what you've read? What habits, attitudes, or changes do you need to make? What lessons can you take away from the verse?

### **Prayer**

Write a brief prayer about the verse you studied. Thank God and ask him for wisdom to apply these truths to your life. You could also confess any sin and ask for strength to live according to the truths of this verse.

***Next week, we will ask each person to share something they learned from their chosen verse, allowing us to learn from each other.***