

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

FOR FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH YOUR WEEK

### DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

Who preached the good news of the grace that is yours in Jesus to you? Share the story with your dinner companions. Spend time praising God for the work of His Son made known to you by the power of the Spirit of Christ and the faithfulness of this witness.

### PRACTICING PRAYER

This message of salvation passes from one generation of believers to the next through proclamation made effective by the power of the Holy Spirit. Commit to spending time in the presence of God asking for Him to use you as an effective messenger of the grace that is now yours. Follow as the Lord leads you.

### VERSE MEMORY

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

1 Peter 2:9-10



### DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Develop your understanding of some of the theological terms in this passage: salvation (sōtēria), believe (pisteuō), and love (agapaō) by digging into more resources - Bible dictionaries, Blueletterbible.com, biblical theology resources, tracing the word and concept throughout Scripture. Let this intellectual work form your worship of God and his heart to save and reconcile us to Himself.

### GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

Salvation: Complete recovery of health from the disease of sin; release from captivity to it. Where have you recovered health from the disease of sin? Where are you longing to be released from captivity to it yet? Praise and pray into those.

## Leader Resource Guide

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# Concerning Salvation



## OPENER QUESTIONS FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY

Was there something from last week's text (1 Peter 1:3-9) you chewed on more this week?

The first month of 2025 has passed. Give a high, low, and buffalo from January.

## NOTES

### CONCERNING THIS SALVATION...

#### LOVE JESUS

#### TRUST JESUS

#### ABIDE IN JESUS

#### STAY GROUNDED IN TRUTH

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FOSTERING CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY

1. **Personal Scripture reading recap:** Where have you been in Scripture this week? What are you learning about God - who is and what He's done and doing? Has that impacted and directed the way you've lived this week? How so or why not?

Are there any insights from what you read in Scripture this week that could be beneficial for the gathered community?

2. **Engaging the Series Resource:** Read the passage, 1 Peter 1:8-12. Work together to come up with a main idea from this passage. How might this encourage/benefit the readers?

3. **Concerning this salvation:** Search through Scripture looking for the word "salvation". What did you find? How does this search of Scripture help you understand salvation as it was used here by Peter?

*Some places to start: Luke 1:68-79, 19:8-10; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16; 2 Corinthians 6:2, 7:10; Ephesians 1:13; Philippians 2:12; 1 Thess 5:9-10; Titus 2:11-14; Revelation 7:10, 12:10-12, 19:1-2.*

Salvation is defined in one resource as the "complete recovery of health from the disease of sin; release from captivity to it." (from A Pocket Lexicon to the Greek New Testament). With Scripture and this definition in mind, what are the implications for you concerning this salvation - in the past, the present, and the future?

4. We have seen the Trinity's role in salvation described in the first part of 1 Peter. What have you learned about God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, the Holy Spirit in the first twelve verses of this book? *Flesh this out more as a group: the plan for salvation was the will of the Godhead from the beginning. The Father initiates the plan, the Son accomplishes it, and the Spirit makes it known and applies it*

5. What surprising insights are provided about the Old Testament Prophets and angels in this passage? Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12 and consider the ways in which Jesus fulfilled OT prophecies regarding His "suffering and subsequent glories" (1 Peter 1:11)? How do these prophecies serve as evidence for the truth of the Gospel? Spend time wrapping up this discussion by reading Matthew 13:16-17 and the reasons we have for rejoicing over the fulfillment of prophecy found in Jesus Christ?

*From the ESV Gospel Transformation Study Bible: He is an individual who is exalted through humiliation: his glory comes not through attractive physical appearance (52:14; 53:2-3), but by his willingness to experience the disgrace and judgment due to others (53:4-12). It was not for his sin, but for "our transgressions... our iniquities" that he suffered. He has "brought us peace" and by his pain "we are healed" (53:5). In a unique way, this coming servant would be "crushed" and would face "anguish" (53:10-11) in the process of offering himself as an atoning sacrifice, bearing the sins of others and making "intercession for the transgressors" (53:12; cf. Heb. 7:22-25). Few passages in the Old Testament so clearly anticipate and give texture to the person and work of Jesus. These verses helped the apostles make sense of the significance of Jesus' death: he was condemned with sinners so that we might be pardoned (cf. Isa. 53:12; Luke 22:37). God providentially used this passage (Isa. 53:7-8) to allow Philip to explain the gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40) and encourage his baptism (cf. Isa. 52:15). Peter appears to apply the passage (53:5, 9) to Christ hanging on a tree: "by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Pet. 2:22-24). For both Isaiah and Peter, such grace transforms the receiver, so that having been healed, believers are called to "die to sin and live to righteousness" (1 Pet. 2:24).*

6. What does it mean to love and believe in Jesus even though we have not seen him? What are some practical ways we can demonstrate our ongoing love for Jesus in our daily lives? How might our daily lives exemplify trust in, dependence on, and obedience to Jesus as an expression of love and belief in Jesus? What is one specific area in your life where you can more intentionally demonstrate your love and trust for Jesus this week?
7. The Woodlands in the Word reading for next week is Matthew 21 - 25. The sermon passage for next week is 1 Peter 1:13 - 25.