

STUDY GUIDE: FAITH IS LIFE

“The Good and the Bad” (1 Peter 1:1-12)

Discussion Starters

1. How focused on faith is the average Christian day to day?
2. How focused on faith is the average non Christian day to day? (trick question)

Study: Read the first chapter of 1 Peter in preparation for the following questions in at least two translations (not a paraphrase).

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms, and note how understanding this term helps you understand the passage.

--“sanctifying” (1 Peter 1:2)—

--“reserved” (1 Peter 1:4)—

--“trials” (1 Peter 1:6)—

--“tested” (1 Peter 1:7)—

--“souls” (1 Peter 1:9)—

--“preached” (1 Peter 1:12)—

4. Peter talks about salvation and the inheritance as something in the future, but we talk about it as though it has always happened. How do you explain this?

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5. What does Peter mean when he says we “believe” in him? What does this “believe” look like?

6. When Peter refers to “salvation”, what is he saying we are saved from?

7. Why did Peter bring up the desire of the prophets of old to understand what it was they were talking about?

Taking It Home (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

8. Peter talks about faith, and also about the trials we experience in life. What trials do you encounter in life?

9. How does faith help you navigate those trials? (Give a specific example)

10. How would you explain the importance of this to someone who isn’t Christian, and whose focus in life is all about right now?