

Scripture and Background Information for July 15-21

Before Sunday, July 22, we would like each group member to personally study **1 Peter 1:22 – 2:3** and to discuss it with their group. Group members should complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns in our new **Discussion Guide**.

Background Information for 1 Peter 1:22 – 2:3

First Peter was written to Christians who were experiencing persecution. These were men and women whose stand for Jesus made them outcasts and strangers in the midst of a pagan culture. The warmth of Peter's expressions combined with his practical instructions make this letter a unique source of encouragement for all believers who live in conflict with their culture.

Peter knew that standing firm in their faith would only be possible as they understood their new life in Christ and as they trusted in the living word of God. So Peter begins this section with clear direction (1:22) as he calls them to ground their lives in God's truth so they can live lives of holiness and love.

"Crave pure spiritual milk" (2:2)—Peter's illustration expresses his hope is that they would seek God's Word and holiness with the intensity of a crying infant seeking that which gives life.

The Summer of 10,000 Blessings, June 10 – August 19

Our calling as Christ-followers is *to display and declare who God is and what He's like everywhere we go*. Join with us this summer in being intentional to find at least one way each week to BLESS someone who does not know Christ. Let's make a difference wherever we go! **Sign up by texting "Bless" to 33222**. We'll send you a weekly reminder and encouragement.

Here are the Scriptures for your group to discuss during the week of...

July 22-28

Psalm 119:9-16

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