

# GOING DEEPER

1 Peter 1:22-3:2

**Read through 1 Peter 1:22-3:2 before each Going Deeper Study, then look at the specific verses being emphasized for “Going Deeper”.**

## **Going Deeper #1 • Born Again**

- Re-read 1 Peter 1:22-25 and John 3:1-15 especially verses 1-5. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Peter was taught about the topic of spiritual re-birth from Jesus Himself, but Jesus didn't invent the idea. The idea of re-birth and new life was spoken of in the Old Testament. How does being "born again" relate to the Old Testament passages referenced above?

## **Going Deeper #2 • Re-birth and Trees**

- Isn't it interesting how often scripture compares our spiritual life with that of trees/vines? Check out: Psalm 1; Matthew 13:1-33; John 15:1-11; and Galatians 5:16-24. Then reread 1 Peter 1:23-25. What connections stand out to you?

## **Going Deeper #3 • Agape Love**

- Read 1 John 4:7-12 especially verse 8, Romans 5:5, and then reread 1 Peter 1:22-23. The brotherly love mentioned first in 1 Peter 1:22 is philadelphia love, but all the other loves mentioned in the other passages including the second time love is mentioned in the 1 Peter passage, the Bible uses the word Agape.
- Think about the relationship between the Agape love we give to others, and where and how we attain that Agape love. Does anything strike you about how the Bible says we come to attain this unnatural love?