

GOING DEEPER

1 Peter 5:10-14

Read through 1 Peter 5:8-9 before each Going Deeper Study, then look at the specific verses being emphasized for “Going Deeper”.

Going Deeper #1 - Suffering

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:10-14

Read Romans 5:1-5. Before Paul talks about suffering, what does he first say we have? How do those things affect how we respond to suffering according to Paul? Why do you think Paul celebrates suffering like this? What is his motivation? What's yours and how does that affect how you see suffering?

Going Deeper #2 - God's Promises

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:10-11, 14

Do you have any of God's promises memorized from the Bible? Before we dig deeper into some specific promises from 1 Peter, write down the verses of your favorite promises from God for you and His Church? Write them down word for word, and as you write them down think of what they are saying, who they are being said to, and what this means for you (Pick at least three). Then spend some time in prayer thanking God for them.

Going Deeper #3 - God's Promises Part 2

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:10-11, 14

Read Romans 8:31-39. There is a lot here. Go verse by verse: What's the first encouraging promise you see? What other promises are there? How do these promises fit into suffering? (Remember Peter connected suffering and God's promises as well in 1 Peter 5:10-11). What do you find comforting in the middle of these promises and suffering?

Going Deeper #4 - Our Part In God's Promises

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:10-11, 14

Have you ever thought about if we have a part in experiencing some of God's promise or in responding to God's promises? Although not all are, some of God's promises are also inviting us to join with God so we can receive them.

Check out these verses and reflect on what God is calling you to do as a part of these promises. Are there any actions you struggle with doing more than others?

1 John 1:9, Romans 8:28, Psalm 9:9-10, Proverbs 1:5-6, Matthew 6:31-33

Going Deeper #5 - Suffering Part 2

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:10-14

We started off talking about suffering, then went to God's promises, and now we are back to suffering. Read John 16: 33 and James 1:2-4. How do you feel about the command God gives us in James 1:2 in light of what Jesus said in John 16? How do you do that? Reflect on the other ways you dug deeper into God's promises, how can God's promises affect how we respond to suffering?

How are you doing right now responding to troubles or suffering you might be experiencing? How can what you have been doing in going deeper help you respond as God invites us to? - Be willing to share your struggle with someone and ask them to pray with you.