



Different - Different Home - 1 Peter 1:1-12

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. How do these verses serve as the envelope of this letter? How does each part of The Trinity play a part in the salvation of believers?
2. How is the pre-Christian society that these early Christians lived in similar to our post-Christian society today? How is our view of Christian suffering a little off? How should our lives and views of things, including suffering, be different?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. What comes with our new birth in Jesus? How is our hope different? How can it feel that we are caught in a perpetual Saturday loop? What would be the importance of the new inheritance mentioned in verse 4 be to those early Christians?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7. How is following Jesus simultaneously both the best thing and hardest thing for believers? What must our joy be rooted in? How does suffering reveal the genuineness of our faith?
5. Read Job 23:10b. How will our trials refine us? Why is the thought that "God will not give me more than I can handle" an outlandish thought? How is a faithful that has been tested one that can be trusted?
6. Read 1 Peter 1:8-12. How is Peter bragging on the believers who had not seen Jesus? How does Jesus himself agree in John 20:29? Why did the prophets and angels long for the time in which we live?

Reflection Questions:

1. What is the bottom line of your faith? Why do we need a God who does much more than save us from our trials?
2. What are some practical ways that we can begin to be more different because of our different hope and the promise of our different home?