Lesson One: What An Inheritance!

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory. 1 Peter 1:6-8

Lesson One Memory Verse for 01-14-14

Drawing Near

As children, we eagerly anticipated holidays or special events. Peter opens his letter with a reminder of what we can look forward to – a glorious future in heaven. Do you eagerly anticipate heaven? Why or why not?
How can looking toward heaven be a comfort in tough times?

As you begin this study of 1 Peter, what do you hope to learn? Ask God to reveal fresh insights and show you how to live them out.

Unleashing The Text

1. What is significant about calling believers “pilgrims”? What does this term suggest for us as modern day believers?
2. How does Peter describe the inheritance that awaits believers in Jesus Christ?

3. What insights into “trials” does Peter give his readers in this passage? What purpose do they serve?

4. Peter mentions the fact that readers have never seen Christ, nor do they see Him in their current trials (vv.8-9). What is his implied point?
5. What surprising insights are revealed about the Old Testament prophets and angels?

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Exploring The Meaning

6. What more do you learn about our glorious spiritual inheritance? What is the Holy Spirit’s role in this?

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7. Both Peter and Paul explicitly state that God “chooses” people for salvation. What does this mean? What should be our response?

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8. Three times in Ephesians 1:3-14 salvation is said to be “to the praise of His glory.” In 1 Peter 1:7 we find the phrase “praise, honor, and glory.” What do God’s praise and glory have to do with salvation?

Reflecting On The Text

9. What does your salvation and your eternal inheritance mean to you? What was your life like before?

10. Peter reminded his readers of the fact that the prophets of old “searched carefully” their own writings for hints of the details of the coming of God’s great salvation. Why are so many modern-day believers so blasé about their faith and about the incredible inheritance they have in Christ?
11. **What are some practical ways this week that you can joyfully live out the truth that you are a pilgrim on this earth?**

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12. **Do you know a fellow believer who is suffering because of his/her faith? How can you offer them encouragement, much as Peter did for his Christian brothers and sisters?**

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**Personal Response**

*Write out additional reflections, questions you may have, or a prayer.*

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