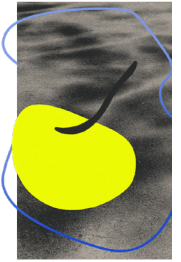


DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES,
BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."

ISAIAH 40:8



THIS READING PLAN IS FOR YOU!

Hey Gospel City, this week we are going to work on developing our theology of suffering by going through 1 Peter together. The problem of pain and the reality of evil is something that theologians and philosophers have been struggling with for millenia. But it is not just intellectuals who think about these things, the brokenness in this world is one of the biggest stumbling blocks that keep people from wanting to believe in the all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving God of the Bible. And even if the problem of pain has not kept someone from faith in Christ, surely everyone has at least struggled to understand how a loving God would allow as much suffering as He does. We all ask these questions because we as humans are hardwired to believe that all suffering is bad. Even the apostle Peter himself thought this way at a certain time. For when Jesus told the disciples that He was going to suffer and be killed, Matthew 16 records that Peter took Jesus aside and rebuked Him! Peter rebuked Him because He had no room in His theology for a God that would allow someone like Jesus to suffer. It was inconceivable to him. But Peter witnessed God bring salvation to the world through His suffering servant Jesus and it transformed his theology in such a way that his letter talks about suffering more than any other letter in the New Testament. With that said, Peter's epistle is a letter written to believers who are being persecuted, and he writes to them to teach them what he has learned about how to think biblically about suffering! Peter's main message is this: consider the hope that we have because of the gospel. If we focus on the glory that is coming in the future through Jesus, then we will be able to endure our present circumstances in a holy way. Therefore, Gospel City, we pray that this study will help you see the hope that you have because of the gospel, and we pray that your hope for future grace will enable you to endure and think biblically about your present sufferings today.

THE FORMAT IS SIMPLE:

We are still going to provide a passage to read and a verse to meditate on for each day. But instead of providing a discussion question and a prayer that is specific to each reading, we will provide a general question and structure for prayer that will apply to each passage throughout the week. We hope that the questions we have provided in the past have helped you and your families grow in your ability to read your Bible. And we hope that the prayers have served as a good model for you regarding how to pray through your Bible. But now it is time for you to take the reigns! Think of your own discussion questions and then pray through what you have meditated on. And we are excited to continue to read and meditate and discuss and pray alongside you as we seek our Lord together.



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GOSPEL CITY | 1 PETER



SUNDAY | DAY 1

READ: 1 PETER 1:1-12

MEDITATE ON:

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

V10-11

DISCUSS THIS:

What does this passage teach us about the hope that we have because of the gospel? How should these promises of future grace shape the way we view our present sufferings?

PRAY THIS:

Dear Father, thank you for calling us out of darkness into your marvelous light. Help us to view our present sufferings through the lens of Christ's sufferings. Thank you for healing us through His wounds, thank you for using our suffering to sanctify us, and thank you for resurrecting us to a living hope of eternal glory. Purify our desires and help us to be holy as you are holy. Amen.

MONDAY | DAY 2

READ: EXODUS 12:1-13 + 1 PETER 1:13-25

MEDITATE ON:

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

1 PETER 1:17-19

DISCUSS THIS:

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GOSPEL CITY | 1 PETER

TUESDAY | DAY 3

READ: EXODUS 19:3-6 + 1 PETER 2:1-12

MEDITATE ON:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 PETER 2:9

DISCUSS THIS:

What does this passage teach us about the hope that we have because of the gospel? How should these promises of future grace shape the way we view our present sufferings?

PRAY THIS:

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WEDNESDAY | DAY 4

READ: 1 PETER 2:13-25 + ISAIAH 53:4-7

MEDITATE ON:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.

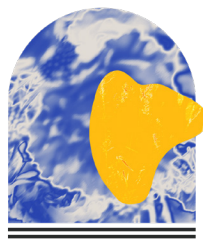
1 PETER 2:24

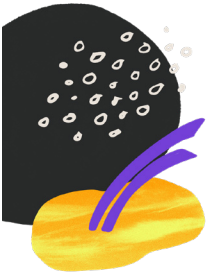
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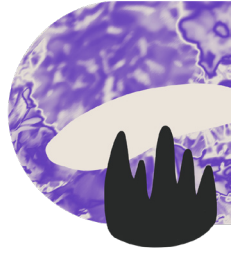
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GOSPEL CITY | 1 PETER



THURSDAY | DAY 5

READ: 1 PETER 3:1-22

MEDITATE ON:

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,”

V18

DISCUSS THIS:

What does this passage teach us about the hope that we have because of the gospel? How should these promises of future grace shape the way we view our present sufferings?

PRAY THIS:

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FRIDAY | DAY 6

READ: 1 PETER 4:1-19

MEDITATE ON:

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

V12

DISCUSS THIS:

What does this passage teach us about the hope that we have because of the gospel? How should these promises of future grace shape the way we view our present sufferings?

PRAY THIS:

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SATURDAY | DAY 7

READ: 1 PETER 5:1-13

MEDITATE ON:

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

V6-7

DISCUSS THIS:

What does this passage teach us about the hope that we have because of the gospel? How should these promises of future grace shape the way we view our present sufferings?

PRAY THIS:

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