

Be a Better Bible Student – 4Q 2020

Class 2: Read All the Way Through

Pre-Class

- Read through the entire letter of 1 Peter. Underline verses or statements that explain why Peter wrote the letter.

Read All the Way Through

- This section of the class is focused on the big picture
- We often start our Bible study by simply reading a verse in the middle of a larger context. This keeps us from understanding
- It is important to read all the way through a letter or book
 - Sometimes more information is given at other places in the letter/book
 - Sometimes an argument is developed further
 - Often themes are noticeable, which give hints at the author's (and God's) intent
 - Understanding the author's strategy and thought process will help us grasp and retain the point
 - Partial study is shallow and usually restricts us to what we already understand
 - We can gain insight and context to author's meaning (e.g. we understand Romans 9-11 better when we understand Romans 3-5 and 7)
- Reading all the way through is more challenging when books are longer but is worth the effort
- These readings will help us with contextual and factual information; we grasp the gist of the book/letter and we know what's here

Answer these questions and **prove your answer from the text of 1 Peter.**

- To whom does Peter address this letter?
- Is this letter addressed primarily to Jews or to Gentiles?
- What is happening to them?
- What does Peter expect to happen to them shortly?
- Where is Peter?

- If you had to guess, what are Peter's main concerns?

- Write a very brief summary of each chapter:
 - 1 Peter 1—
 - 1 Peter 2—
 - 1 Peter 3—
 - 1 Peter 4—
 - 1 Peter 5—

- After a preliminary reading, what are the most notable and important verses in 1 Peter?