

Be a Better Bible Student – 4Q 2020
Class 12: Know God Better

Pre-Class

- Read the entire letter of 1 Peter one last time, noticing anything you can learn about God and his will.

Know God Better

- Scripture is part of how God reveals himself to us (1 Cor 2:11-16, Eph 3:4-5).
- When we read Scripture, we do not just learn about people. Most of the Bible is not simply commands and rules. The Bible helps us to know God better.
- In the same way that we might read between the lines of a love letter to discern the attitudes, desires, and priorities of the author, so we seek to know God better.
- Each time we read Scripture, we should leave not just knowing ourselves better, but having a deeper familiarity with God.

What 1 Peter Teaches Us about God

- Our situation is the fruition of God's long-term plan (1:2, 5, 10-12, 20).
- God guards us by his power through our faith (1:5).
- God reveals things piecemeal (1:10-12, and there is more to come, 1:13).
- God impartially judges according to each one's deeds (1:17).
- God's word lives and abides (1:23, 25).
- God has things that are precious to him: Jesus (2:4) and a gentle and quiet spirit (3:4).
- God evaluates things differently from people (2:4, 4:6).
- God wants a people (2:10).
- God cares how his people relate to government (2:13).
- God wants us to live so that our good silences opposition to him (2:15).
- God has grace for those who suffer for doing right (2:19-20).
- Jesus is our Shepherd and Overseer (2:25).
- God's eyes and ears are on the righteous, but his face is against evildoers (3:10-12).
- Sometimes it's God's will that we suffer (3:17-18).
- God is patient (3:20).
- God has given us gifts – to *his* glory (4:10-11).
- God wants elders to serve willingly (5:2).
- God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble (5:6-7).
- God cares for you (5:7).
- God himself will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us (5:10).