

1. Being of “one mind”

- a) 1 Peter 3:8–12
- b) What is the difference between being “of one mind” and absolute uniformity? (see 1 Corinthians 12:12–26)
- c) How can we have unity of purpose if we don’t always agree on every issue?

2. Suffering as followers of Jesus

- a) 1 Peter 3:13–17 (see also Matthew 5:11–12)
- b) Is Peter talking about our personal struggle against sin or suffering imposed on us by others?
- c) What is the relationship between Christ’s suffering and our suffering for righteousness sake?

3. Being born again—a new life in Christ

- a) 1 Peter 1:3 (see John 3:3–7)
- b) 1 Peter 4:3–6
- c) When a person is born again, are there still temptations and sinful tendencies?
- d) How can a person remain pure and undefiled in a promiscuous and idolatrous culture?
- e) Share a testimony of your experience since you were born again.

4. Loving one another

- a) 1 Peter 4:7–11
- b) “Have fervent love for one another.” Does that remind you of a command from Jesus? John 13:34

- c) What does Peter mean when he says, “Love covers a multitude of sins”? (see Proverbs 10:12)
- d) Some people are easy to love. How is it possible to have fervent love for those who aren’t so lovable?
- e) How does loving one another bring glory to God? 1 Peter 4:11
- f) Why should Christians be hospitable? 1 Peter 1:9 (see Hebrews 13:2; James 2:15–16)
- g) Why does Peter add “without grumbling”?
- h) Share an experience where you saw love in action through gracious hospitality.

5. Difficult sayings

- a) At the conclusion of Peter’s second letter, he notes that some of Paul’s sayings are difficult to understand. 2 Peter 3:14–16
- b) Peter also has some difficult sayings:
 - i) Christ “preached to spirits in prison,” 1 Peter 3:19. What does Peter mean here?
 - ii) “Baptism saves you,” 1 Peter 3:20. Is this true?
 - iii) “He who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.” 1 Peter 4:1
 - iv) “The Gospel was preached also to those who are dead.” 1 Peter 4:6
- c) What is a good plan of action when you encounter a difficult saying in your Bible study?

