

WEEK 1: FOUNDATIONS & INTRODUCTIONS

- I. Digesting our Daily Bread
 - A. What makes a 'good' Bible study?

 - B. What will make this a good Bible study?

- II. White, Whole Wheat, or Rye? Different Types of Bible Study
 - A. "Verse by verse" / Consecutive Exposition

 - B. Topical Study / Systematic Theology

 - C. Thematic Study / Biblical Theology
→What is the unique contribution of this book or author in Scripture? How does this book fit into the Story of Scripture?

- III. The Story of Scripture

IV. The Five W's of 1 Peter

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia (1 Peter 1:1)

With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ. (5:12-13)

- A. Who? Peter (author), Silas (letter carrier), John Mark
- B. What? A personal letter carried to the believers in these provinces
- C. When? Probably sometime between AD 62-64, while Peter was in Rome ("Babylon") but before his martyrdom under Nero
- D. Where? Five Roman Provinces in Asia Minor (modern Day Turkey) – see map
 1. How did the gospel get to these places?
 2. One theory: Roman colonization & deportation of "foreigners." It's possible that the believers in these provinces were deported under Claudius because of their faith, making them "foreigners" in Rome as well as in their new homes.
 3. Another theory: Pentecost pilgrims in Acts 2
- E. Why? To encourage, teach, and exhort the believers to "stand firm" in their faith particularly in light of the suffering and social alienation they are experiencing.

V. Peter's Audience, and Us

- A. Who were these people who received 1 Peter? What was their "social location"?
- B. What is our "social location"? In what ways might we be similar to or different from Peter's audience?
- C. What is the "social location" of our new neighbors in Highwood? In what ways might they be similar to or different from Peter's audience?

What might it look like for us to be "A People in This Place," and how do we really do that?

1 Peter Reading Schedule:

Mondays – Chapter 1

Tuesdays – Chapter 2

Wednesdays – Chapter 3

Thursdays – Chapter 4

Fridays – Chapter 5

Saturdays – Catch up, or read the whole book!