**1 Peter DBS**

The disciple named Peter, or Simon Peter, who was a close friend of Jesus, wrote 2 letters that are in the Bible. This letter is called “1st Peter”. Peter wrote this letter from Rome, very far away from where he grew up in Israel, about 30 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection. This letter is written to the churches and followers of Jesus located in the area of the world now called Turkey. This region is where many lakhs of people were becoming followers of Jesus, and where many churches were being established, despite heavy persecution from both the Jewish leaders, and from Rome, the country which had political control over this part of the world.

Peter writes this letter to encourage the disciples who are experiencing heavy persecution. They are suffering, sometimes very severely, for their faith. By the time Peter wrote this letter, many of the original disciples had already been killed for their faith, including Andrew, Peter’s brother.

Not long after writing his two letters, Peter was killed by the Roman authorities. He was hung on a cross, upside down, as he did not consider himself worthy to suffer the same fate as His Lord Jesus. Eventually, all of the original disciples, except one, were killed for their faith.

Just like all other Studies, listen to these passages, then listen 2 more times. Try and repeat the passages to the group from memory. Discuss the same questions you have always used before, but you should also add some new questions:

* What do I learn about persecution from this passage?
* Are there any commands in this passage I need to obey?

Finally, make sure and pray for one another, helping each other to obey all Jesus has commanded.

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