

1 & 2 Peter Overview

Background

You may want to consult a study Bible or Bible dictionary for help with these questions.

1. Who is the human author of these two letters?
2. What do you know about him? (his background, his ministry, his culture)
3. Where was he when he wrote these letters?
4. Who are the recipients of these letters?
5. What do you know about them? (their relationship to the author, their circumstances, their relationship to God, their relationship to each other)
6. How are these people and their circumstances similar to us?
7. How are they different from us?

Major Themes

Read through each letter in one sitting (takes about 15-20 minutes) and then answer the next few questions.

8. Why were these letters written? (Is the author addressing problems? Is his tone encouraging or confrontational? Does the author seem to have a primary purpose?)
9. What do you see as the primary themes of these letters? (If you can't decide on one, identify two or three prominent themes.)
10. What topics from the text are you excited about discussing in the next 12 weeks?
11. What questions do you have after reading through these books?