

### **Syllabus for Class on An Exposition of First Peter**

#### **I. Class Description**

This class helps the student gain an understanding of the biblical book of First Peter. The book of First Peter was originally written to Christians who were being exhorted by the apostle Peter to “stand firm” in “the true grace of God” (5:12). Sufferings and trials were pressing in on the believers to whom Peter wrote. Since they were “strangers” and “exiles” in this world, these difficulties should be expected. And far from them being outside the purposes of God, it was these very trials that Peter said were intended to test the genuineness of their faith and produce eternal praise when Christ returns (1:7). And though these things were written to Peter’s original audience, they are timeless and still fully applicable in our day. In our class we aim to exegete this book, discern its timeless theology, and make application to our lives today so we too might live as faithful exiles in the world in which we live.

#### **II. Class Objectives**

This class aims:

- A. To discern the pericopes (passages) of First Peter and follow the argument and flow of the letter.
- B. To address the difficult passages in the book of First Peter.
- C. To finish the class with a deeper commitment to Lord as exiles in the world.
- D. To love God and his people better because of making application to our lives from the timeless teaching of First Peter
- E. To refresh ourselves in the biblical gospel of God’s grace as presented in First Peter

#### **III. Class Textbooks**

##### **A. Required Books**

1. The Holy Bible in preferred English translation. [The student may wish to have two different English translations on each end of the spectrum of translation philosophy—a “literal” rendering (ESV, NASB, etc.) and a “dynamic” rendering (NLT, TNIV)—though the expositions will largely draw from “literal” translations.]

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### B. Supplemental Books

1. MacArthur, John F. *1 Peter* in *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*. Chicago: Moody, 2004.
2. Schreiner, Thomas R. *1, 2 Peter & Jude*. Vol 37 in *New American Commentary Series*. Nashville, TN: B&H, 2003.

### IV. Class Schedule

Class Dates	Passage in First Peter
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	1:1-2
Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	1:3-9
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	1:10-12
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	1:13-21
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	1:22—2:3
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	2:4-10
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	2:11-17
Mar 11 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	2:18-25
<b>Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, No Class</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	3:1-7
Apr 1 <sup>st</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	3:8-17
Apr 8 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	3:18-22
Apr 15 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	4:1-11
Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	4:12-19
Apr 29 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	5:1-5
May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30pm	5:6-14