

Answering Life's Big Questions

A Bible study in 1 Peter



Lesson 5: Glorifying God with my emotions -
How am I to feel?

Review:

Lesson 1 - Peter's emphasis is on God as our
_____.

Lesson 2 - Our fundamental identity is
_____.

Lesson 3 - We are born again to receive
_____.

Lesson 4 - Why are you here now?

_____.

Lesson 4 - How are we to glorify God in our thinking?
_____.

How am I to feel?

1. Feel _____
(1:2, 5:14, 2:23, 3:14, 5:7)

This feeling is a result of what kind of thinking?

2. Feel _____(1:3-5, 13)

This feeling is a result of what kind of thinking?

3. Feel _____(1:6)

Fight with all your Spirit-empowered might to keep grief in the perspective of eternity. There is a painful *now*, but there is a pain-free *then* coming.

John Piper said, "Occasionally weep deeply over the life you hoped would be. Grieve the losses. Then wash your face. Trust God. And embrace the life you have." (tweeted in March 2016)

4. Feel _____(1:6-8, 4:13)

This feeling is a result of what kind of thinking?

The bedrock of our current joy is the promise of God that our eternity will be filled with unending joy.

Our joy is an anticipatory joy, and we feed it every time we think on _____ things.

5. **Feel** _____

For _____ (1:8)

For _____ (1:22, 3:8, 4:8)

For _____ (3:10)

This feeling is a result of what kind of thinking?

6. **Feel** _____ (1:17, 2:17)

Feel _____ (3:6, 14)

These feelings are a result of what kind of thinking?

7. **Feel** _____ (2:2)

This feeling is a result of what kind of thinking?

8. **Feel** _____ (2:6, 4:16)

This feeling is a result of what kind of thinking?

9. **Feel** _____ (3:8)

This feeling is a result of what kind of thinking?

10. **Feel** _____

(1:21, 2:23, 4:19, 5:10)

This feeling is a result of what kind of thinking?

Memory verse:

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. (3:8)

Lesson 5 Study Questions

Day 1 – Peter and fear

1. Read Matthew 14:22-33. We are not told what Peter’s emotions were before Jesus arrived, but Jesus’ words in verse 27 suggest two of them. What are they?

2. What emotion did the disciples experience when they saw Jesus (verse 26)? _____

3. What two things did Peter do when overcome with fear (verse 30)?

4. What did Jesus do and what did Jesus say in response to Peter (verse 31)?

- 5. What does Jesus’ response (verse 31) indicate was the heart issue for Peter? _____
- 6. What do you tend to fear, and how is your fear a faith issue? How do you think God would have you grow in this area to better glorify Him with your emotions?

Day 2 – Peter and forgiveness

1. Read Matthew 18:15-20 in which Jesus taught His disciples how to handle being sinned against by another believer. Jesus doesn’t speak to the emotions involved in such an incident, but from your own experience, list some of the emotions that being sinned against can trigger.

2. The fact that Peter asked a follow-up questions may indicate he had had personal experience with being

sinned against by another. Read Peter's question and Jesus' answer in Matthew 18:21-35.

- a. What emotions are implied by the reaction in verse 28? _____

- b. What emotion/attitude does Jesus teach (verse 33) should dominate our thinking/feeling when sinned against by another person? _____
- c. What is the basis of our ability to show mercy to someone who has sinned against us? _____

Day 3 – Peter's boldness

1. Read Luke 22:33. What positive emotion from this lesson was motivating Peter to make this statement?

2. Compare Acts 21:13 and Luke 22:33. List three things that Paul and Peter's statements of confidence have in common: _____

3. Read John 13:36-38. What does Jesus' response to Peter tell us about Peter's confidence?

4. Read Acts 4:1-13. This occurrence was just a few weeks after Peter's betrayal of Jesus. What does Peter's confidence cause him to do in this situation?

5. What phrase in Acts 4:1-13 is the key to Peter's new-found, godly boldness? _____

Which are you more prone to: fearfulness or misplaced self-confidence? What can you do to better glorify God in this part of your emotional life?

Day 4 – Peter : sin, guilt, and forgiveness

1. Read Luke 22:54-62.

a. What was in the middle of the courtyard (vs. 55)?

b. How many times did Peter deny Jesus? _____

c. What time of day was it? _____

d. What did Peter do after his betrayal? _____

e. What emotions was he most likely feeling?

2. Read John 21:9-19

a. What was on the beach (vs. 9)?

b. How many times does Jesus ask Peter if he loves Him? _____

c. What time of day was it (vs. 4)? _____

d. What emotion did Jesus questions evoke in Peter? _____

3. This encounter with Jesus seems to be the official, public forgiveness and restoration of Peter after his denials. Although we don't have record of Peter asking forgiveness or of Jesus saying, "I forgive you," what in this passage strongly indicates that Peter has been fully forgiven? _____

Day 5 - The emotional bookends of Peter's life with Jesus

1. Read Luke 5:1-11, recording an early incident in the life of Peter as Jesus was calling him to be a disciple.

a. Where did this happen? _____

b. What instruction did Jesus give Peter?

c. What was Peter's verbal response to Jesus?

d. What happened when Peter obeyed Jesus?

e. Based on verses 8, 9, and 10, what were Peter's emotional responses to the miracle?

f. What did Peter do, motivated by those emotional responses (verse 8)? _____

g. What did Peter do after Jesus' call to follow Him (vs. 11)? _____

2. Read John 21:1-8, recounting one of the final recorded incidents in the life of Peter and Jesus.

a. Where did this happen? _____

b. Google (or otherwise research) the place names you gave as answers for questions 1a and 2a. These are different names for the same place. What is the more common name for that place?

c. What instruction did Jesus give Peter (vs. 6)?

d. What was Peter's verbal response to Jesus?

e. What happened when Peter obeyed Jesus?

f. What did Peter do in response to the miracle (verse 7)? _____

g. What emotional responses to Jesus and the miracle do you think motivated Peter to do what he did? (You will need to speculate. The passage does not tell us.) _____

h. What is Jesus' final instruction to Peter recorded in the book of John? _____

i. From what you know of Peter's life after the ascension of Jesus, what was Peter's response to Jesus' final call to follow him? _____

