

> PETER'S PATH

Sunday, March 26, 2023 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 1 | Simon Peter

Multiple Scriptures

God chooses **UNLIKELY** people

Simon Peter John 1:35-42; Matthew 10:2-4; Luke 5:5, 8;

up, down, all around Matthew 14:22-33

to **FOLLOW** Jesus

confessing Christ Matthew 16:13-18

repenting (continually) Matthew 16:21-23

and **BUILD** his Church.

you're one of his gifts to the Church! Ephesians 4:11-16; Matthew 16:18

we're all unlikely Titus 3:5; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 1:3



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

What's Your Story?

All of us can look back in life and point to some ways that we have changed. Our preferences, goals, attitudes, or even thought patterns often are "changed" with maturity. Pick out one thing in your life that has been changed and/or caused you to grow and share it with the group. Next answer the question: "Was there something specific that caused this change?" or "Why was the change necessary?"

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. It takes a regular commitment to put ourselves in a place where God can grow us. What do the following verses tell us about our role and God's role in the process of spiritual transformation?

- **Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.
- **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
- **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

⁸ But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand. **ISAIAH 64:8** (ESV)

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own.

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on

toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only

let us hold true to what we have attained. **PHILIPPIANS 3:12–16** (ESV)

- What does **1 Corinthians 3:2-9** add to this discussion?

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Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR MISSION

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue three things:

1. Gather



Show up regularly and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, grow up spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much or more than you consume!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for John 16:15-18 (NIRV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he **asked**. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ **Simon Peter answered**, "You are the **Christ**. You are the Son of the **living God**." ¹⁷ **Jesus replied**, "**Blessed** are you, **Simon**, son of **Jonah**! No mere man **showed** this to you. My **Father** in **heaven** **showed** it to you. ¹⁸ **Here** is what I **tell** you. You are **Peter**. On this **rock** I will **build** my **church**. The **gates** of **hell** will not be **strong enough** to **destroy** it.

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2. Spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident. Yet at times we may feel like we don't have what it takes to grow and succeed spiritually or really know what steps to take to continue to grow. How would you explain to someone else with similar concerns how **2 Peter 1:3-9** addresses these concerns?

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. **2 PETER 1:3-9 (ESV)**

- How does knowing what you learned about Peter this weekend shape this passage (that he wrote!) for you?
- Peter gave some very intentional steps in the passage above that anyone following Jesus can take to continue to grow and live out their faith. As you look at that list again are there any that you've specifically worked on in the past or been challenged to put into action? Is there one you think you need to be more intentional at putting into action moving forward?
- How do the following verses increase or affirm your understanding of what it takes to develop a spiritually mature perspective in life?

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 2 Timothy 2:4-5 Hebrews 12:1-2

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. Pray especially that God would help us learn and grow like Peter did. **Divide into separate groups of men and women and pray for one another.**

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