

BIBLE STUDY– 1 PETER

Implement the Bible study that the bishops used during Lambeth. You can watch the videos and use the reflection questions. The resources have been shaped by an international team of Bible scholars from across the Anglican Communion, through the St Augustine Seminar (<https://www.staugustinesfoundation.org/>). The Bible study follows *The First Letter of Peter: A Global Commentary* by Jennifer Strawbridge.

- **Learn about the Bible study:** <https://www.lambethconference.org/programme/theme-and-biblical-focus/>
- **Buy the Bible study curriculum:** <https://www.amazon.com/First-Letter-Peter-Global-Commentary/dp/0334058872>
- **The Introduction and the first chapter** can be downloaded free: <https://www.lambethconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/The-First-Letter-of-Peter-A-Global-Commentary-Introduction-and-Chapter-1.pdf>
- Find the **pre-recorded 1 Peter videos:** <https://www.lambethconference.org/resources/1-peter-resources/watch-the-1-peter-videos/>

Below are the five sessions of the Bible study with short descriptions for each session including the link to the Lambeth Conference videos with Bible study teaching. The link to the prerecorded videos (link in the 4th bullet above) can also be used as background for the facilitator or as part of the Bible study.

Questions? Contact Jenny Beaumont, Missioner for Adult and Lifelong Formation at the Diocese of North Carolina at jenny.beaumont@episditionc.org.

Bible Exposition #1: Called into hope & holiness in Christ - 1 Peter 1:1-25

This exposition focuses on why 1 Peter speaks to the Anglican Communion now. Introducing themes of hope, suffering, despair, joy, holiness and exile, we explore how the power of Christ overcomes all that seeks to alienate and fragment. Our identity in Christ, who chooses and sanctifies his people, is our common identity as God's Church in God's world.

Watch: 00:17:55 – 1:04:35

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAYRbfUJ_cg

Bible Exposition #2: A holy people following Christ - 1 Peter 2:1-12

This exposition engages 1 Peter's use of the word "holy" to describe God and God's people. In 1 Peter 2, God's people are given the identity of holy, chosen and "God's own people." The call of all is to holiness, to God and to mutual love. How do we as God's Church come together and understand our identity, in communion with one another, as God's holy people?

Watch: 00:20:00 – 1:09:00

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iDZSAhKJrw>



Bible Exposition #3: Resistance and Resilience - 1 Peter 2:13-3:22

This session engages with the dynamics of power in 1 Peter. This exposition focuses on how we testify to hope and remain faithful to Christ when we live in a world that we don't control. 1 Peter makes visible the invisible powers and structures of our world and calls Christ's followers to unity, compassion, sympathy, mutual love and reconciliation.

Watch: 00:17:57 – 00:58:09

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgaFGNm0ma8&list=PLUANff_8IdgNOV8zgXjxX2ozNa8nr53VZ&index=16

Bible Exposition #4: Suffering in Christ - 1 Peter 4:1-19

This exposition explores how we, as God's Church, can use our gifts to alleviate suffering. 1 Peter directs God's Church to the "other" or the "stranger," using God's gifts to serve them and to seek the common good. For 1 Peter, when God's world suffers, genuine love and hospitality are essential so that in all things, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Watch: 00:14:00 – 1:03:00

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQLw7xvUgnY&list=PLUANff_8IdgNOV8zgXjxX2ozNa8nr53VZ&index=20

Bible Exposition #5: Authority in Christ - 1 Peter 5:1-14

How does a leader set examples for their flock and build them up as Christ's disciples? This exposition examines the call of leaders in God's Church.

Watch: 00:18:00 – 1:05:00

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0igPcECGgOE>

