

Bible Talk Series – 1 Peter SEEK Series Break-up

Purpose of the Series: To encourage Christians to stand fast to Jesus, living for him and proclaiming him in a context where they are a suffering minority. *“I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.” 1 Peter 5:12b*

Marketing Title of Series: Stand Fast: Living as a Christian Minority



Handout Blurb for the series: As a Christian, it can sometimes feel like we don’t quite belong in our society. We can feel the pressure to compromise our beliefs and lifestyle so that we fit in. We can feel afraid to mention Jesus and our hope of eternal life. No Fear! The letter of 1 Peter encourages us to stand fast in following and proclaiming Jesus as we live as a minority amongst an unbelieving majority.

Series Champion: Paul Hallam

Talk No.	Preachers <i>(note: Master is the Google Drive Version)</i>	Passage	Reading	Talk Title <i>(marketing friendly)</i>	Talk Topic/Focus/Purpose	Comment/Outline	Gathering Googly <i>(feature/consideration)</i>
1. 2/2 SRE Mission Sunday	GB9: PH BL10:30: PH MR9: KDN MR Kids Spot: TBA GB10:30: KDN GBam Kids Spot: Mission Spot GB6: KDN	1 Peter 1:1-12	OT: Psalm 100 NT: 1 Peter 1:1-12	Stand Fast: in Hope	Central Theme: God has given Christians a living hope of salvation through Jesus. This hope fills us with joy even as we suffer in the present. Purpose: <i>I want the listener to understand afresh the great hope they have been given in Christ so that they might have great joy and show this joy to the world around them.</i>	Introduce the series as a whole: Looking at Peter’s encouragement to the churches in Asia Minor to stand fast in God’s grace as they live as a minority amongst the non-Christian majority. SEEK Focus Application: Encouragement to be a joyful witness to those around us because we have been given such a great hope (v6-9). Song Suggestion: My Hope is Built Amazing Grace Our God is For Us Rejoice Prayer points to include: Praying for Schools + SRE & SRE teachers as we start back in schools	Note: No Kids Church (GB/MR). Holiday Kid’s Packs to be available Lord’s Supper BL (DSw) Mission Focus: SRE Mission Sunday GB/MR Introduce Trainees - OB (MR/GB6) and TC (GB9am/BL10.30am)
2.	GB9: PH BL10:30: PH	1 Peter 1:13-2:10	OT: Psalm 96	Stand Fast: in Holiness	Central Theme: God has made Christians his holy	This section is a call for God’s chosen people to be holy. This holiness is in	Kids Church starts T1

<p>9/2</p> <p>Commission Sunday</p>	<p>MR9: KDN MR Kids Spot: TBA GB10:30: KDN GBam Kids Spot: TBA GB6: KDN</p>		<p>NT: 1 Peter 1:13-2:12</p>		<p>people. This holy identity should show itself in our lives.</p> <p><i>Purpose: I want the listener to commit themselves to proclaim Jesus through their holy lives and holy words.</i></p>	<p>response to what God has done for them in Christ.</p> <p>SEEK Focus Application: Christians are different to the world because of our response to Christ. We are to proclaim Jesus in the way we live and the words we speak.</p> <p>Song Suggestion: Ten Thousand Reasons O Praise the Name See him Coming We Declare</p> <p>Prayer points to include: Our LMAP Leaders - Kids/Youth/Young Adults/Adults/Senior Adults</p>	<p>Mission Focus: Commissioning of LMAP Leaders</p>
<p>3. 16/2</p>	<p>GB9: KDN BL10:30: KDN</p> <p>MR9: DSw MR Kids Spot: TBA GB10:30: DSw GBam Kids Spot: JE GB6: KDN</p>	<p>1 Peter 2:11-3:7</p>	<p>OT: Jonah 1 NT: 1 Peter 2:11-3:7</p>	<p>Stand Fast: in Society</p>	<p>Central Theme: Christians are to live good lives amongst non-Christian around them for the sake of God's honour and the salvation of others.</p> <p><i>Purpose: I want the listener to be committed to proclaiming Jesus by word and deed in their various relationships.</i></p>	<p>These verses apply the principle of 2:11-12 to the various relationships that Peter's readers had amongst their pagan society. A common thread is the desire to honour God and win over those around them for salvation.</p> <p>SEEK Focus Application: Christians must consciously think about their various social relationships and desire and act for the salvation of those people.</p> <p>Song Suggestion: All Glory be to Christ Come and Reign Let Your Kingdom Come</p> <p>Prayer points to include: Playgroup/Junior Jivers Opportunities + Leaders</p>	<p>Mission Focus: Playgroup/ Junior Jivers</p>

<p>4. 23/2</p>	<p>GB9: NL BL10:30: NL</p> <p>MR9: DSw MR Kids Spot: TBA</p> <p>GB10:30: DSw GBam Kids Spot: TBA GB6: NL</p>	<p>1 Peter 3:8-22</p>	<p>OT: Jonah 2 NT: 1 Peter 3:8-22</p>	<p>Stand Fast: in Suffering</p>	<p>Central Theme: Christians are called to face the prospect of suffering because of their faith. In this context we must be ready to fearlessly proclaim Jesus.</p> <p><i>Purpose: I want the listener to be emboldened to proclaim Jesus despite the fear of suffering.</i></p>	<p>This passage focusses on the real prospect that Christians may suffer for their good Christian living. In this they follow the example of Jesus. Christians must not be silent out of fear but are to proclaim Jesus.</p> <p>SEEK Focus Application: Have no fear! Resist the urge to be timid out of fear. Be bold in living as a Christian and be ready proclaim him without fear.</p> <p>Song Suggestion: Christ is Mine Forevermore In Christ Alone</p> <p>Prayer points to include: Pray for the other LMAP Gatherings + our new Gathering Plant</p>	<p>Mission Spot: Update on a New PM Gathering at MR</p>
<p>5. 2/3</p>	<p>GB9: NL BL10:30: NL</p> <p>MR9: PH MR Kids Spot: Lord's Supper</p> <p>GB10:30: PH GBam Kids Spot: Jarryd B GB6: NL</p>	<p>1 Peter 4:1-19</p>	<p>OT: Jonah 3 NT: 1 Peter 4:1-19</p>	<p>Stand Fast: for God</p>	<p>Central Theme: Christians are to live for God by being done with sin, serving with God's help and enduring suffering for God.</p> <p><i>Purpose: I want the listener to be encouraged to continue living for God despite the abuse of those around them who live the old way.</i></p>	<p>This passage continues the theme of suffering for being a Christian. Peter urges his readers to stand firm in their repentance and their living for God.</p> <p>SEEK Focus Application: Our living for God (especially our repentance from sin) is a form of witness to those around us. However, we must be ready to endure potential abuse for it (v4).</p> <p>Song Suggestion: This Life I Live O Great God</p>	<p>Lord's Super MR(DSw) / BL(KDN)</p>
<p>6. 9/3</p>	<p>GB9: KDN BL10:30: KDN</p>	<p>1 Peter 5:1-14</p>	<p>OT: Jonah 4 NT: 1 Peter 5:1-14</p>	<p>Stand Fast: until Glory</p>	<p>Central Theme: In a context of suffering, the Christian community are to look</p>	<p>Peter instructs the Christian community in how they relate to one another. He particularly focuses on leaders and</p>	<p>International Woman's Day 8th</p>

	MR9: PH MR Kids Spot: TBA GB10:30: PH GBam Kids Spot: Lord's Supper GB6: KDN				<p>ahead to their future as motivation for their endurance in the present.</p> <p><i>Purpose: I want the listener to be convinced of and inspired by the glory that awaits them so that they would stand fast to Jesus in the present.</i></p>	<p>those who are younger. He calls for them all to resist the devil and to stand fast until God brings them to glory.</p> <p>SEEK Focus Application: Keep our eyes on the glory that is to come. This motivates us to relate well within the church and stand firm as we face suffering from the world/devil. And to keep proclaiming Jesus no matter what happens.</p> <p>Song Suggestion: Be Thou My Vision Hear Our Prayer There is One Gospel</p> <p>Prayer points to include: Women in Gospel Leadership</p>	Lord's Supper GB9am (NA)/ GB10.30am (DSw)/ GB6pm (KDN)
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Key: MR = LMAP Mt Riv; BL = LMAP Blaxland; GB = LMAP Glenbrook ;KDN = Ken Noakes; DSw = Dave Swan; RC = Rachael Connor; Paul Hallam; NL = Nick Lindeback; GO = Gail Oakey; NA = Neil Atwood; TO = Trevor Oakley; JLav = John Lavender; JSh = Josh Schroder; OB = Olivia Bush; JB = Jared Bartlett; JE = Jake Evans; TC = Timothy Chan; GBH = Gary Haddon; BCA = Bush Church Aid; MTC = Moore Theological College; CMS = Church Missionary Society; DLS = Daylight Savings; YA = Young Adults; MARS = Mountains Anglican Refugee Support

Gathering Leader & Preacher:

- Take special note of the suggestions in the 'Gathering Googly' column. This detail should be kept in mind as you lead or preach.
 - Gathering leaders, *if scheduled into the elvanto plan*, you will need to make arrangements to incorporate this aspect into the gathering.
- Please note there is a visual Powerpoint template which we would prefer that you used so that we have some consistency across what we display (and so that we avoid some traps e.g. colours that cannot be seen, text too small, fonts too difficult, text which covers set logos, livestream split screen requirements etc.). This template exists in the 'G-Ministry Drive>1. Perpetual Title Slides>[this Bible Talk series Folder]' and can be emailed to you on request (admin@lmap.org.au)

Devotionals or Bible Study (for the benefit of Growth Group Leaders):

- *Stand Firm* – Studies by Holy Trinity Adelaide (6 studies) Available for download at <https://churchcentralonline.com> > Bible Resources > Bible Studies > New Testament >
- *Life In Exile* – Studies by Holy Trinity Adelaide (5 studies). Available for download at <https://churchcentralonline.com> > Bible Resources > Bible Studies > New Testament >

- *Homeward Bound* – 10 Studies by Phillip Jensen and Tony Payne. Available from <https://matthiasmedia.com.au>
- *Living Stones* – 8 Pathway Bible Guides by Matthew Jensen. Available from <https://matthiasmedia.com.au>

Commentary suggestions:

- *1 Peter: Living Hope*. Paul Barnett – Reading the Bible Today, Aquila Press, 2006.
- *The Message of 1 Peter*. Edmund P. Clowney – BST, IVP, Leicester, 1988.
- *1 Peter: Living Hope*. Karen H. Jobes – Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, Baker Academic, 2005.
- *The First Epistle of Peter*. Peter H. Davids – The New International Commentary on the New Testament, Eerdmans, 1990.

Song suggestions (for the benefit of Gathering Leaders & Song Choosers):

Live music is preferable and the goal. If live music is not possible, we have to resort to either music videos or no music (think of other ways to express that vertical praise e.g. reading a Psalm together, using more interactive prayers, responsive liturgy)

Please talk with the band leaders about what you will have in your respective gathering. If Live – the song choosers will update the elvanto plan for the gathering. If not live (and you choose to use Music Videos, then we have copyright permission to use videos from Emu Music, Sovereign Grace or City Alight). Copyright questions should be directed to Liz Thornton.

Band Leaders: Vincent Willard (LMAP Mt Riv); Michael Webb (LMAP Blaxland); Jason Bryne (GB9am); Josh Schroder (LMAP @ 6pm)