

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Since the glory of God is the primary purpose of the Church, what insight does this give to the foundational aspects of Christ's church - worship, preaching and teaching, evangelism, missions, body life, and mercy?
2. What is the primary difference between the governance of a church and a democracy? In what areas of the Church in America do you believe Christians are the most obedient and the least obedient? Rate these on a scale of one to ten. Why do you think these fall into this order?
3. Francis Schaffer asked the question, "What would our churches be like if the Holy Spirit were removed? Would they simply be the same?" What would be the marks of the powerful indwelling of the Spirit in the life of the church? How can we seek His ministry as individuals and as a body of Christ?
4. Do you have any friends who are unbelievers? Read 1 Peter 3:15 and Colossians 4:6. What are some of the practical ways we can give an answer for our hope and season our speech with Gospel salt?
5. What characteristics do you look for in those who lead the church? For many churches their criteria for leadership is the same as any secular organization—individuals who can help them with nickels and noses. This is not God's way. Read 1 Peter 5:1-4. Where else is God's list of qualifications for church leaders found? Who do these characteristics primarily reflect? How does this affect the leaders' belief in Scripture, decision making and the lost?
6. If the goal of Christ for His church is maturity, how do we help one another reach this goal? How can we practice Hebrews 10:23-25?

## I PETER: LIVING HOPE

### *"Forever Built"*

### Selected Scriptures

#### *I. Built for Eternity*

#### *II. Seven Pillars to Build Upon*

1. *A prevailing passion for \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*(1 Peter 2:9,10)*
2. *Submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by \_\_\_\_\_ to Inerrant Word. (1 Peter 2:1-3)*
3. *A \_\_\_\_\_ upon the enablement of the Holy Spirit. (1 Peter 1: 2,12)*
4. *A \_\_\_\_\_ burden for the spiritually lost and wayward. (1 Peter 3:14-16)*
5. *Leadership that is \_\_\_\_\_.* *(1 Peter 5:1-4)*
6. *An ongoing commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ the saints.*  
*(1 Peter 1:13-16)*
7. *Body life marked by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ oriented ministry. (1 Peter 4:8-11)*