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## *A Life Transformed* *(1<sup>st</sup> Peter)* Week 4

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### Introduction to the series: *A Life Transformed (1<sup>st</sup> Peter)*

When we read about Peter in the Gospels, we find an entirely different “Peter” than the one who wrote 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter. In the Gospels, Peter was anything but a rock. He wasn’t very dependable. He often spoke or acted in a way that would be misguided. His actions disguised an underlying insecurity despite his outward confidence.

As we read 1 Peter, we see a different person, a transformed man, and the faith which turned his thinking and lifestyle upside-down. It can do the same for all who read his words with an open heart and mind, searching for the truth of the Gospel of Jesus. Most of all, Peter changed because he came to know and trust Jesus. It is our hope that as we investigate these writings, Peter’s text will help us all know Him more as well.

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#### Introduction To The 4G Guide

##### *GATHER – GOD – GROUP – GIVE*

It's important that we *GATHER* each week as a church family. Still, God has so much more for us! He wants us to take what He's teaching and apply it to our lives. This is the heart of the 4G Guides. These guides are written to encourage you in your personal *GOD TIME* and in your small *GROUPS*. They are designed to help you understand what God is teaching and apply it to your daily life. Understanding and application allows you to then take what God is teaching and *GIVE* it to others.

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture references are from the *English Standard Version* (ESV Text Edition: 2016) Bible.



## How To Use The 4G Guide

Each week is divided into four sections:



### Gathering Time

God calls us to corporate worship. On Sunday mornings we gather (in person or online) to worship, hear God's message, and be challenged to apply His word. This booklet includes weekly sermon guides.



### God Time

Personal worship is vital to the Christian walk, so we have written five daily devotionals for each weekly topic. This is your time to meet with God one-on-one in a guided devotional format. Once the devotional time is finished, we encourage you to pray, seeking direction for the day.



### Group Time

We learn from one another! Each week, either on Sundays or at various other times, 4G Groups meet to dig deeper into the weekly material. This booklet features weekly lesson outlines in a "three-thirds" discipleship format. In addition, links to short video guides, sermon recaps, and other helpful resources are posted on our 4G web page. \*



### Family Time

Family worship glorifies God. To help, we have created simple, once-a-week devotionals just for families. In addition to the weekly outline, video or story guide links may be posted on our 4G web page\* to help get the conversations flowing.

\* 4G Groups, video links, resources, and 4G Guides are posted weekly on our 4G web page: [www.cbcfamily.net/4g.html](http://www.cbcfamily.net/4g.html).



## THE 4G GUIDE

### The 3-Step Encouragement Process

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:23-25

1. Participants partner-up to ask five short and simple questions. Partners should be of the same gender. If there is an odd number, triplets are OK but need to work swiftly.
2. Partners ask each other these five questions:

	"Did you spend specific personal time in the <b>BIBLE</b> <u>each day</u> this past week?"	These are "Yes" or "No" questions.
	"Did you spend specific time in <b>PRAYER</b> <u>each day</u> this past week? – not just for meals"	Any hesitations or "Well..." responses are circled "No."
	"Did you do something specific to show Godly <b>LOVE</b> to someone this past week?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, the partner briefly shares the encounter(s) with their partner and, on the provided line, writes the name(s) of the person(s) they showed love to, shared the gospel with, or discipled.</li> <li>• If not, leave the line blank.</li> </ul>
	"Did you intentionally share the <b>GOSPEL</b> with anyone this past week?"	
	"Did you <b>DISCIPLE</b> anyone this past week?" (E.g.: Sharing any of the God, Group, or Family Times)	

3. To finish, each partner prays for the other. No matter how or what the partner has done over the past week, this is an intentional prayer of **encouragement** for the coming week!



## Gathering Time (Sermon Notes)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# A Life Transformed

## Where Does God \_\_\_\_\_?

*John 2:19-21*

## Are The

*1 Peter 2:4-5*

**You Are \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_**

*1 Peter 2:9-10*

**\_\_\_\_\_ Are \_\_\_\_\_ Who Proclaim**

*1 Peter 2:11-12*

## \_\_\_\_\_ So People Can See Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

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## WEEK 4: WHERE DOES GOD DWELL?

### God Time: Day 1 – Where Does God Dwell?



This week's lesson focuses on God's way of thinking about "the temple" – the place where God and people can come together. We will find that true faith is not specifically about how or where we worship, but WHO we worship. Before we read what Peter said on the subject, let's see what Jesus said.



Read John 2:19-21

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

The Jewish people were used to thinking about the Temple building in Jerusalem as God's dwelling place – the one true location for worship. Jesus' statement about His own body as God's dwelling place sets the stage for a completely different way of worship that is focused on a Person rather than a place.

Here are three comparisons:

- 1) Truth – In the Jewish faith, the Temple was the place where the truth was made known (Old Testament Law). Jesus takes on this identity as the Truth – something beyond the letter of the Law.
- 2) Forgiveness – The Temple was where Jews went to sacrifice animals as a sign of the cost of their sin – a prayer for God's forgiveness. Jesus became the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world – He is the ultimate source of forgiveness.
- 3) God's Presence – Even in exile (foreign lands) Jews would face towards the Temple when they prayed as the place where God dwells on earth. They would also make pilgrimage trips there so they could be in His presence. Jesus transforms this understanding of where God lives so that we can be confident He is present everywhere.



Watch this Bible Project video on the Temple.  
([www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTnq6I3vUbU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTnq6I3vUbU))

What stands out to you about this transition of God's temple from a holy place to a people? How does it affect your understanding of truth and forgiveness? Does it make God closer or further away?

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### God Time: Day 2 – You Are the Temple of God

Read 1 Peter 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Later in this chapter, Peter describes Jesus as the stone the builders rejected which has become the "cornerstone" in what God is doing (the foundation on which He builds His kingdom).

Underline the words "living stones." This is Peter's description of Christians – those who are like miniature versions of Jesus.



Circle the words "spiritual house." What are other words we might use for this?

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(Some ideas are temple, church, tabernacle, sanctuary, etc.)

As a "spiritual house," what are we supposed to be and do?

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Read Hebrews 5:1

*For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.*

Underline the responsibilities of a priest in this verse.

If we are to be a holy priesthood, to what are we appointed?

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What role are we, as Christians, supposed to play in connecting people to truth, forgiveness, and God's presence? (See Day 1.)

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What sacrifice(s) are you willing to make today to help someone else draw near to God?

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### God Time: Day 3 – You Are Chosen to Proclaim



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Read 1 Peter 2:9-10

*<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*



Circle the phrases which describe us as God's "own possession."

As God's "own possession," what are we to proclaim?

Underline why we can proclaim this.

Whenever God calls (chooses) someone, He also gives them a new purpose. As God's special possession, we take on His heart for those who are lost and hurting – just like He came after us when we were lost and hurting.



Read 1 John 1:2-4 NIV

*<sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete.*

Underline in verse 3 why John says he proclaimed Christ.



In verse 4, circle the reason he is writing about it.

If you have never had the joy of sharing the good news about what God has done for you, then you are missing out on a great blessing. In fact, you are missing a key piece of what it means to be chosen as God's own. Pray that God will reveal anything that might be holding you back from proclaiming what He has done in your life.

Do you need some help or training? We have several individuals at CBC who would love to assist you. Let us know TODAY!



Start by praying for three people who need to hear The Good News:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

God Time: Day 4 – Exiles With a Message

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12 NLT

*<sup>11</sup>Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. <sup>12</sup>Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.*



At the end of verse 12, why does Peter urge Christians to watch their behavior (live properly) among "unbelieving neighbors?"

How does your behavior (compared to your words) affect the way people see Jesus?

### God Time: Day 5 – Can They See Jesus in You?



This whole week has been about how we are to be like Christ in drawing others to God and leading them to forgiveness and faith. When we remember all Jesus has done for us, it gives us the godly desire to pursue those who are lost.



Read 1 Peter 3:15

*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.*



In this passage, how do we honor Christ as holy?

Are you prepared to explain ("make a defense of") your faith? If not, arrange to get help with preparing.



When sharing your faith, do you treat other people with the same gentleness and respect Jesus showed?

If not, pray to change that today!



## WEEK 4: WHERE DOES GOD DWELL?



### Group Time

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See page 47 for directions):



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### LOOK BACK:

**Point:** *Our purpose is not to “be good” or even get to heaven; our purpose is to expand God’s kingdom!*

- Review last week’s lesson. What opportunities did you pursue to expand God’s kingdom? How were you blessed?

**Question:** Based on last week’s Bible Project video, what is the definition of a tabernacle or temple? What is its purpose?

**LOOK UP:** Watch this week’s Group Guide video on our 4G web page.

**Recap:** Man was created in God’s “image.” This meant man had a relationship with God and was to be His image-bearer, doing all things on earth as God would. The first man failed. God then chose a specific people to be His image-bearers, the Israelites, to do all things as God would and to be a light to all peoples – showing them the way to God. They failed. God then sent Jesus. Jesus succeeded as the ultimate image-bearer by sacrificing Himself.

Peter explains in 1 Peter 2:4-12, that those who choose to follow Jesus and live in His image can also be Christlike image-bearers – a royal priesthood – a tabernacle or temple, shining light on a lost world and showing them the way to God.

### LOOK IN: Discussion Questions

- Where is Jesus now (Mark 16:19, 1 Peter 3:22, etc.)? Then what does it mean to say, “Jesus is in my heart?”
- How important is it, as God’s image-bearers – His temple, that our walk matches our talk?
- How important is it as God’s image-bearers – His temple, that we have a talk to walk?

### LOOK FORWARD: Application

**Point:** *Live so people can see Jesus in you. Proclaim so that they can know Him!*

### You Are Chosen

- List the ways your life “reflects” Jesus for others to see:

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- What could you start doing this week to up your game?

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- List the names of those you’ve shared your salvation story or the gospel with in the last 90 days – and their response:

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- What could you start doing this week to up your game?  
(Do you need training? Do you need to make a list of names?)

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Pray for one another to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.



## Family Time

### Main Idea:

Baptism is the symbol of a life transformed.



### Key Verses: Matthew 3:13-17

*<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

### Set it Up:

When or where have you heard about baptism? What do you already know about baptism? What are a couple of questions you have about baptism? Check out this short film about baptism.



### Watch: Week 4 Video

This week's video is on the playlist of the CBC YouTube channel or go to [cbcfamily.net](http://cbcfamily.net) and click on 4G Guides for the video link under the Family Guide section.



### Discuss:

People get baptized to obey Jesus' command and follow His example. Baptism is a one-time public act of being put under water and brought back up. This act tells others in the church that you have believed in Jesus and are following Him.

Baptism does not make someone a Christian. It is your faith in Jesus that saves you. Baptism is an outward picture to others of what Jesus has already done in your life.

Baptism is for anyone who has trusted in Jesus as their Savior and is ready to take this step of obedience. The Bible does not give an exact age someone should be to get baptized. It is wise to pray and talk to your family and church leaders to decide if you are ready to be baptized.



### Family Activity:

If you or one of your children is ready to take this important step, please reach out to one of the church staff today.