



I Peter 1:22 – 2:3

Loving & Longing Biblically

- I. In order to stand firm under persecution, God commands us to _____ fellow believers biblically. (I Peter 1:22–23; 2:1)
 - a. We are called to love God's people _____. (I Peter 1:22–23)
 - b. We are called to love God's people _____. (I Peter 1:22a; I Peter 2:1; Romans 13:12)
 1. We are to cast off all _____. (I Peter 2:1a)
 2. We are to cast off all _____. (I Peter 2:1b)
 3. We are to cast off all _____. (I Peter 2:1c)
 4. We are to cast off all _____. (I Peter 2:1e; II Corinthians 12:20)
 5. We are to cast off all _____. (I Peter 2:1d; Proverbs 14:30; Mark 10:35–45; Luke 22:24; I Corinthians 12:26; Romans 12:15; Job 5:2)
 - c. We are called to love God's people _____. (I Peter 1:22c)
 - d. We are called to love God's people _____. (I Peter 1:22b)
 - e. We are called to love God's people _____ - _____. (I Peter 1:22b; I Peter 1:7–9; John 3:16)
- II. In order to stand firm under persecution, God commands us to _____ for pure _____ thirstily (I Peter 1:23–25; I Peter 2:2–3)
 - a. Long for the Word because it is our _____ of _____ in a world given over to death. (I Peter 1:23a)
 - b. Long for the Word because it is _____ in a world that is fragile & perishable. (I Peter 1:23–25)



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. Peter reminds believers that trials are not strange or accidental. Why does remembering that hardship is part of the Christian life help us persevere rather than grow bitter? (I Peter 4:12)
2. Today's teaching reminds us that trials both define us and refine us. How have difficult seasons clarified what you truly believe or value? (I Peter 1:6-7)
3. The text warns that trying to stand for Christ alone is dangerous. Peter commands believers to love one another earnestly from a pure heart. Why is love among Christians essential when following Christ becomes costly? (I Peter 1:22)
4. Why do you think Satan works so hard to fracture relationships within the church? How does division weaken our witness and endurance? (John 13:34-35)
5. Peter lists five love-killers: malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander. Which of these do you think most easily slips into church life today? (I Peter 2:1)
6. "Putting away" these sins is compared to stripping off dirty clothes. What practical steps help us remove relational sins rather than excuse them? (Colossians 3:8-10)
7. Peter uses the word *philadelphia* to describe brotherly love. What does it mean to view fellow believers as family rather than merely acquaintances? (I Peter 1:22)
8. Peter calls believers to love earnestly- a word that implies effort and strain. Why does biblical love require intentional choice rather than emotion alone? (I Peter 1:22)
9. How does remembering God's sacrificial love for us enable us to love others- even when relationships are strained or painful? (I John 4:19)

10. Peter shifts from talking about loving one another to longing for pure spiritual milk. The Word is described as the source of our new birth. How does remembering that Scripture gave us life deepen our hunger for it? (I Peter 1:23)
11. What would it look like to take one intentional step this week toward deeper Christian community or deeper engagement with Scripture? (Hebrews 10:24-25)
12. How can this group support one another in loving earnestly and longing faithfully as we live as elect exiles in a difficult world? (John 13:35)
13. Are there any relational sins- envy, slander, hypocrisy- that God may be inviting you to put away for the sake of unity and witness? (I Peter 2:1)
14. How might we as a group pair loving God's people more deeply with longing for God's Word more consistently (I Peter 1:22; I Peter 2:2)?