

Peter: The Rock, The Chisel, & The Master

1 Peter 1:1

As we begin 1 Peter, let's take a moment to study the man who writes us the letter, the Apostle Peter, whose name means "rock."

The Rock:

- Πέτρος → "rock"**
- Mark 1:16; Ezekiel 36:26**

The Chisel:

- Luke 5:8; Matthew 16:13-23; 1 Peter 3:14;**
- John 18:10-11; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Luke 22:54-62;**
- 1 Peter 1:1; Romans 8:28; Isaiah 45:9;**
- 1 Peter 1:7; Philippians 4:13**

The Master:

- 1 Peter 1:2-4; Romans 12:2; James 4:4;**
- 1 Peter 2:24**

For family, small group, and personal reflection

These questions are offered as an optional resource for small group study and further personal growth.

If you are on the 10+10 plan (10 minutes reading your bible + 10 minutes praying each day) (and we pray that you are!) discuss your progress with the group.

Peter's name means "rock." Discuss how this is a fitting name: his stubbornness, mistakes, and humble beginnings. Search the Scriptures for your answers.

Do you ever feel a bit like a "rock" yourself? A little uncut and unfinished, not sure what your life could ever amount to? Read Ephesians 2:10. Are those thoughts you had true?

Those thoughts may be a bit true if you have never let Jesus put the chisel to the stone of your heart. Read Ezekiel 1:16. When did Jesus chip away the first piece from your "rock"?

Jesus chipped away at Peter a lot. He was carving a masterpiece after all. How has Jesus chipped away at you? How has He changed you?

A masterpiece can only be revealed from the rock if the chisel is in the hands of the master. That Master is Jesus Christ. Who are the competing masters in your life who have sought to shape your life contrary to Jesus Christ?