



Read I Peter 5:12-14

### LOOK BACK

1. Take some time and share a highlight and a challenge from last week.
2. Spend a little time sharing how you're seeing God work in your life right now.

### LOOK UP

Silvanus is the Silas mentioned repeatedly in Acts. (Silas is a shortened version of Silvanus.)

1. Why do you think Peter and Paul were often in the company of other faithful believers while in ministry?

Peter says that one of his purposes in writing them is to exhort (encourage) them. Go back through the letter and remind each other of these encouragements.

2. A second purpose of the letter is to declare that the letter is the true grace of God. What does Peter mean? (Hint: Have an eschatological perspective on suffering. This means understanding that God's grace is being experienced now and will be experienced in its fullness when Christ returns.)

3. What does Peter mean by "Babylon"?

4. How is it that Mark would be known to the churches in Asia Minor?

5. The kiss of love was a familial practice. How is it that it became the custom of the church?

6. "Peace" here means fullness of relationship with God and others as well fullness of health. It is very similar to the Hebrew, *Shalom*. This is for all those who are in Christ. Do you desire, indeed work for this shalom in the body of Christ?

### LOOK FORWARD

1. What from these passages change the way you see the upcoming week?
2. What from this message will you share with someone who did not hear it?