# Digging Deeper- Discussion for Family Worship and Small Groups 01/16/2022

A Study of 1 Peter: “Following Jesus Through a Foreign Land”

**Sermon Title:** “Commitments: Being a Person of Prayer”

**Passage:** 1 Peter 4:7

**Context:** Peter is writing to scattered, suffering Christians facing increased persecution. They need encouragement and instruction as they live out their earthly pilgrimage in a hostile environment. The remainder of the letter focuses on the theme of suffering-mainly from hostile people. Peter knows that unless Christians commit to prayer, they will never grow in the faith.

**Main Idea:** *“If you are going to grow in the faith, you must be a person who is committed to prayer.”*

**Main Points:**

I. A Commitment to prayer should be driven by a sense of urgency. (Vs. 7)

Ref. 2 Pt 3:3-10

* Consider those who have passed on at an early age. Ps 90:12
* Consider how quickly time flies. Js 4:14

II. A Commitment to prayer requires a renewed sense of clarity. (Vs. 7)

Ref. Js 4:3; Ps 51:10; Eph 4:14

* Realize that we are very needy on God. Ps 40:7
* Be familiar with God’s promises. Ps 119:169
* Embrace the simple means of grace. Col 3:16

III. A Commitment to prayer requires a change in your daily priorities. (Vs. 7)

* Plan to pray privately. Lk 5:16
* Resolve to pray consistently. Mt 26:41
* Make time to pray corporately. Luke 9:28
* Guard your minds to pray spiritually. Eph 6:18

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn about God’s attributes and promises?
2. What challenges you about the message?
3. Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God’s grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
4. What does this Scripture require of me?
5. How will you practically implement these truths?
6. What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?