

Daily Bible Study Guide for March 15–20



¹² Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! ¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

Study Guides are designed to help us get the most out of our personal Bible study, Small Group experience, marriage and family spiritual growth, and the sermons we hear on Sunday mornings. Each week we will be studying a passage of Scripture along with Pastor Dan as he prepares his sermon based on the same verses found in our Study Guides. That way, when we meet for worship on Sundays, we will be better prepared to hear and apply God’s Word.

Monday, March 15

Read: 1 Peter 5:12–14

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

2. What is said about Silvanus?

3. What is said about those in Babylon?

4. What is said about the author of this letter, Peter?

5. What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between Peter, Silvanus, and the recipients of this letter?

Tuesday, March 16

Read: 1 Peter 5:12

1. How is Silvanus described in this verse?

2. How is Silvanus (Silas) described in Acts 15:22 and 15:32?

3. Describe the highlights of Silvanus's experience in Acts 16:22–40.

4. How did Silvanus's arrival in Corinth impact the ministry of the Apostle Paul? (Acts 18:5)

5. Silvanus was also instrumental in writing 1 and 2 Thessalonians (see the first verse in each book). What was it about Silvanus that made him an effective Christian? How can those qualities be developed in your own life?

Wednesday, March 17

Read: 1 Peter 5:12

1. What does it mean to exhort?

2. What does it mean to testify?

3. Why do you think Peter wrote "the true grace of God"? Is there such a thing as the false grace of God?

4. To what does "this" refer in verse 12?

5. If somebody asked you *how* to stand in the grace of God, what would you say?

Thursday, March 18

Read: 1 Peter 5:13

1. Most Bible scholars see Babylon as a symbolic name for ancient Rome. What do you know about how first-century Christians were treated by the Roman government?

2. What happened between Israel and Babylon in 2 Kings 25:1?

3. How is 1 Peter 1:1 similar to 2 Kings 25:1?

4. What does Babylon represent in the future? (Revelation 17–19)

5. What was Peter's point in mentioning Babylon?

Friday, March 19

Read: 1 Peter 5:13

1. Most Bible scholars believe that Mark (also called John Mark) was Peter's spiritual son. What is a spiritual son?

2. Earlier in the week we learned about Silvanus's ministry with Paul. What is said about Mark in Acts 12:25?

3. What is said about John Mark in Acts 15:36–41?

4. Although the apostolic leadership team was at one time divided, what did Paul write in 2 Timothy 4:11?

5. What ministry relationship principles are illustrated in Paul and Mark's conflict and reconciliation?

Saturday, March 20

Read: 1 Peter 5:14

1. Is a literal kiss meant in this verse? If so, should we be doing that at SeaTac Bible Church?

2. Why do you think Peter ended his letter with this instruction for his readers to greet one another in this way?

3. Think back over all that you have learned in 1 Peter. Why did Peter wish peace for his readers?

4. Is just wishing peace for people an effective way for others to actually receive peace?

5. Is there a need for peace among the people of SeaTac Bible Church? If so, what can you do to help us grow in peace? If not, what can you do to help us grow in other ways?
