

DISCIPLESHIP FOR THE MARGINALIZED – I PETER

Study Notes for 1 Peter 1:1-12

Peter is said to have written this epistle while he was in Rome towards the end of his life. Persecution was starting to break out in Rome but he was concerned for the Christians who were scattered throughout a large area and most likely to experience a time of suffering. It covered an area that included churches in Galatia, Ephesus, other churches in Asia Minor and others scattered throughout modern day Turkey. (It would be a good idea to look up a Bible Map and see the whole region that is mentioned in verse 1. Here are some questions to ponder in this section.

1. Observe and note the words, ideas or themes that are repeated in this passage.
2. How do the various themes that he mentions connect with each other to express Peter's understanding of salvation in the midst of a persecuted and marginalized community?
3. What are some of the ideas in this passage may seem to be in tension with each other?
4. How does this passage speak to us in the midst of the turmoil that we experience?