



Grades 9 -12 Resource Guide

WHO WAS PETER?

Who was Peter?

- A family man, a husband with a wife and mother-in-law
- Fisherman
- Had at least one brother, Andrew
- Jewish
- Stubborn, hot tempered, loyal, impulsive, and bold
- Became a tremendous leader of the Church after learning to “follow” Jesus’ way
- Died in Rome as a martyr

Scriptural Passages:

- Simon is called by Jesus: Mt 4:18-20
- Peter walking on the water: Mt 14:28-33
- Peter’s confession about Jesus: Mt 16:13-18
- Jesus declares Peter “the rock” and gives him “the keys”: Mt 16:18-20
- Peter’s denial of Jesus foretold: Mk 14:27-31
- Peter’s denial of Jesus: Mk 14:66-72
- Washing of the disciples’ feet: Jn 13:1-11
- “Feed my sheep” Peter with Jesus: Jn 21:15-19
- Choosing Judas’s replacement: Acts 1:15-26
- Peter’s preaching: Acts 3:11-26
- Peter’s escape from prison: Acts 12:6-19

Suggested Activities:

- Use the Power Point titled St. Peter to present to the class. This presentation explains the unique role of St. Peter in the life of the Church.

- Have students do research using the following websites to create projects, Power Points, and other class based reports.

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/MARY/PETER.htm>

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5358

<http://www.ccel.org/s/schaff/encyc/encyc08/htm/ii.xiv.ii.htm>

- Conduct a Scripture search on the role of St. Peter in the Bible
 - a. Directions: Divide the students into small groups and assign each group one of the following books of the New Testament (for the more extensive texts more than one group could be assigned). Use a biblical concordance to find references to Peter in each book.

What is the significance of each reference?

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts of the Apostles
- 1 & 2 Peter
- 1 Corinthians
- Galatians

- b. Directions: Explain to the students the petrine functions of governance, teaching, and sanctification, as well as the concept of primacy. Then divide the students into small groups and assign each group (for the more extensive lists more than one group could be assigned) to look up the following Scripture passages referring to St. Peter. After the citations have all been read, the students will be asked to explain how the Scripture passages cited demonstrate the petrine ministry and the primacy of Peter.

A. Governing

- Matthew 16:16-19
(cf. Isaiah 22:15-25)
- Luke 22:31-32
- John 11:52
- John 21:15-17
- Acts 10:46-48
- Acts 11: 1-18

B. Teaching

- 1 Peter 1:1-2
- Matthew 17: 24-27
- Mark 8:29
- John 20:21
- Acts 1:15
- Acts 2:14
- Acts 3:37-41
- Acts 4: 4-20
- Acts 5:2-3
- Acts 5:29-30
- Acts 8:18-24
- Acts 10
- Acts 15:7-12
- Galatians

C. Sanctifying

- Acts 3:1-16
- Acts 3:37-41
- Acts 5:14-16
- Acts 9:32-43

D. Primacy of Peter

- Matthew 4:18-22
- Matthew 10: 1-4
- Matthew 16:16-19
- Matthew 17:1-9
- Matthew 26:37
- Mark 3:13-19
- Mark 5:37
- Mark 8:29
- Mark 9:2
- Mark 13:2-3
- Mark 14:32-33
- Mark 16:7-8
- Luke 6:13-16
- Luke 8:51
- Luke 9:28
- Luke 22:7-8
- Luke 24:12-14
- Luke 22:31-32
- Luke 24:33-34
- John 1:40-44
- John 20:2-10
- Acts 1:12-14
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Related Enrichment Resources:

- <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
- <http://ewtn.com/holysee/index.asp>