



Week 5: Halfway Home

While Matthew is the first book in the New Testament, and Luke is the first book in Immerse Messiah, Mark was the first book written in the New Testament. This week we're going to be reading Mark and then reading 1 and 2 Peter. Pay attention to the incredible growth and maturity you see in Peter going from the book of Mark to Peter's later writings. That's great inspiration for our own growth!

What's New in Week 5:

- **Week 5 Intro Video & Reading Plan:** This week we say goodbye to Paul and head back to the Gospels with Mark, 1 and 2 Peter, and then wrap up with Jude.
- **Running Past the Finish Line:** Now that we're in the second half of The Anchored Life, have you thought about what's next?
- **Share Your Anchored Life Tips:** Book Clubs have been digging deep in their discussions and finding some great treasures! We'd love to hear about it.

WEEK 5 — MARK, 1&2 PETER, JUDE

Mark, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude



Watch This Week's Video

Reading Plan

- Day 21 pp. 257-268
- Day 22 pp. 268-279
- Day 23 pp. 279-292
- Day 24 pp. 293-301
- Day 25 pp. 303-310

Just jumping in? You can get caught up on [previous emails and videos HERE](#).

More great tools for the whole family:

- [Saddleback Kids: Hey-O Stories of the Bible podcast](#)
- [Saddleback Student Ministry: Immerse: Luke & Acts podcast](#)

Looking Past the Finish Line



You're almost there! Then what?

We've heard that iron sharpens iron. So if you are feeling like the reading is a lot, if The Anchored Life Challenge is feeling challenging, then you might be experiencing some growing pains.

But what comes after spending eight weeks of building endurance? Consider continuing on in your Book Club and becoming an ongoing small group. We have studies that go at any pace you wish to choose from

here on out. Including more from *Immerse* that will take you through the rest of the Bible at a speed that fits your small group.

Talking About Something Good



We've Heard Some Really Good Ideas

Immerse has 4 weekly questions:

1. What stood out to you this week?
2. Was there anything confusing or troubling?
3. Did anything make you think differently about God?
4. How might this change the way we live?

These questions are great because they lead to a *lot* of discussion and research. So we want to hear about some of the great helps, videos, commentaries, and podcasts that you've found!

Just reply to this email or send an email to smallgroups@saddleback.com to share your book club's most helpful resources so far.

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Do you have more questions?

If you want to learn more about The Anchored Life Challenge and *Immerse: Messiah*, then you've got three great options:

- You can read the [full FAQ document HERE](#)
- Or you can watch one of the [recent Zoom FAQ sessions with Pastor Jason Williams](#).

- Reply to this email with any book club questions you are stuck with!

