

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - 1 Peter 1:13-25

*So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. **14** So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. **15** But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. **16** For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."*

***17** And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as "temporary residents." **18** For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. **19** It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. **20** God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.*

***22** Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. **23** For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. **24** For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, **25** but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you*

Other Passages: 2 Cor. 5:8, 1 John 2:15-17, Matt. 7:13-14, Psalm 119:103-105

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Have you traveled overseas before? What was it like being a foreigner in that place? How did you feel?
2. What do you see right now? Are you staring at a wall or are you staring down a new trail? Can you relate to what Bryce was saying that Peter is offering us a new way of seeing trials?
3. What does it look like for you to prepare your mind and to exercise self control this week?
4. Take a moment and reflect as a group on past trials you've walked through, celebrate how God has been faithful to carry you. Let his past faithfulness instill hope in you for the future.
5. God desires for you to walk new trails with him in hope, time to consider what you may need to let go of to walk forward with him.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS