

Bible Discussion: Finding Home 3

Text: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Purpose: To rekindle an understanding of God's holiness that causes us to work toward our own personal holiness.

Opening Question: *Most majestic view you have seen? Or Most amazing scenery you've seen?*

As Peter writes to encourage Christians who are living in a hostile culture toward Christianity, he reminds them of God's holiness. It's in His holiness that they find why they are different from their peers. God is separate from sin and as Christians fear Him they can become more like His holiness, which is not a burden but a joy to experience.

Read and Discuss: 1 Peter 1:13-16

1. *What are some attractive/unattractive pictures of holiness you have witnessed?*
2. *What makes God holy? How would you describe God's holiness?*
3. *How does the life and ministry of Jesus redefine our distortions of holiness?*

Read and Discuss: 1 Peter 1:17-21

4. *How does God being our judge cause us to have a holy fear toward Him?*
5. *How might we interact differently with others if we were more concerned with what God thinks about us?*
6. *What causes us to have a weak view of fearing God? Why is this challenging for us?*

Read and Discuss: 1 Peter 1:22-25

7. *If true holiness leads to genuine love, what does that teach us about God's desire for us to be holy?*
8. *Who do you need to love deeply this week? How are you going to do that?*