

SMALL GROUP / STUDY GUIDE

SCRIPTURE

Read 1 Peter 1:13–21

KEY TRUTH

Because we have been loved and redeemed by Jesus, we should live like our hope in Him is real.

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

(What does the passage say?)

- What does Peter tell believers to set their hope on in verse 13?
- How does Peter describe their former way of life?
- What reason does Peter give for living holy lives?
- According to verses 18–21, what did God do to redeem us and give us hope?
- What words or ideas are repeated or emphasized throughout this passage?

INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS

(What does the passage mean?)

- What does it mean to set our hope fully on the grace that will come when Jesus returns?
- Why does Peter connect our identity as God's children with obedience?
- What does it mean to be holy, and how is holiness different from simply following rules?

- Why should believers live with “reverent fear” if God is also their loving Father?
- How does remembering the price of our redemption change the way we understand obedience?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

(What does this mean for us?)

SET YOUR HOPE FULLY ON JESUS

- What are you most tempted to look to for security, identity, or fulfillment?
- Do your schedule, spending, anxieties, and ambitions reveal that your hope is in Jesus?
- What would change if you truly lived as though Jesus is returning and this world is not your permanent home?

LIVE AS A HOLY NONCONFORMIST

- Where are you most tempted to adopt the desires, fears, priorities, or definitions of success of the culture around you?
- Is there an area where you have created a reasonable-sounding explanation for disobedience?
- What would it look like to reflect God’s truth, purity, humility, generosity, and love in that area?

REMEMBER THAT YOUR LIFE MATTERS

- Does the way you use your time, money, gifts, and influence reveal that eternity is real to you?

- What act of obedience have you delayed because it would be uncomfortable or costly?
- If Jesus evaluated your priorities today, what would you wish you had done differently?
- How should knowing that you were purchased by the precious blood of Christ affect the way you live?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Take a moment and ask:

- Where have I slowly assimilated without recognizing it?
- Am I living like my hope in Jesus is real?
- What is one area in which God is calling me back to trusting obedience?

PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK

Identify one area where the priorities of the world have begun shaping you.

Each day this week:

Read 1 Peter 1:13–21.

Ask, “What would it look like to live as though my hope in Jesus is real today?”

Take one specific step of obedience.

PRAYER

Jesus,

Thank You for loving us and redeeming us with Your precious blood. Forgive us for the ways we have allowed this world to shape our desires, priorities, and definitions of success. Help us set our hope fully on You and live as people who belong to another kingdom. By the power of Your Spirit, teach us to walk in holiness and trusting obedience.

Amen.