

## **Peoples Church: Small Group Questions**

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**SPEAKER:** Pastor Dale Oquist

**TITLE:** Sanctuary: Hope For Refugees

### **LOOKING BACK:** 1 Peter 1-13:20

The author of the book, Peter, was writing to the people who were being persecuted for being Christians. Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends. He's the only person, other than Jesus, to walk on water! He saw miracles and watched as Jesus interacted with people.

Pastor Dale compared how an individual might grow up in one home and when invited to visit another; they can see a complete difference in both homes. The old Christian house might be a home where you feel like you can't do anything correctly. There might be yelling in the home. It is an explosive atmosphere and the smallest of infractions becomes a big deal, and this is normal to the individuals living there.

The house you were invited to is clean and very welcoming. Everything is different and there is nothing but love in the new house. This new house changes the perspective of life, because you learned that everything is different from your normal.

1 Have you been invited to a home that was completely different from yours?

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

2. What are some ways we live our lives in fear?

Pastor Dale gave us three imperatives that 1 Peter 1: 13-20 shows us how we should live our lives.

#### **A. Set your hope**

1 Peter 1: 13 "Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming."

Grace is revealed to us by Jesus Christ. In our old home, we didn't know what to expect. With Jesus Christ, you can expect grace and unending expression. Your eternal life keeps going in the new home, but death is the end in our old home.

3. Are there any items in your house that are considered holy because nobody is allowed to touch them?

4. What does it mean to be holy?

#### **B. Be Holy: to be set apart**

1 Peter 1: 14-16. Pastor Dale compared in our old home and our new home that our old home is based on earthly pursuits. We focus more on sports, education and personal success in the world which is worshipping other gods. The final say is our feelings. In our new home, we focus and worship only one God, and obedience is the key to please Him. Our life is based on the word of God.

**C. Live out your time as foreigners in reverent fear (profound respect).**

1 Peter 1: 17-20. We should live our lives like foreigners. We are currently in our temporary residence. In our old home, we have a fear of man. We rather impress others and then worry about God. A lot of people living in their old home worship ungodly things and go to God after they make mistakes. They go to church in crisis, but once the crisis is over then they stop going to church. In our new home, we worship God and that helps us make decisions without mistakes, while He provides for our every need.

**TAKING IT HOME:**

We have a living hope in Jesus Christ. God has called us to a new home of hope. In 1 Peter 1:21, our faith and hope are in God.

If you lost something valuable today, would that shape how you would live your life? This will let you know where your faith lies. If we lost our jobs today or had a breakup with a significant loved one, would you lose all hope? We still need to have our faith in God. Don't let your life slip back to your old home. Place your hope back in the house of Jesus Christ.