



EASTER

DISCOVERING THE HOLINESS OF GOD IN JESUS

I Peter 1:13-21

This week we observed the Lords Supper, remembering the crucifixion as we lead up to Easter.

SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY:

John 3:16 | I Corinthians 11:23-34 | Matthew 5:23-24

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. In Peter's teaching on holiness, he begins with the directive that we are to "prepare our minds for action, be sober minded and set our hope on what we know about Jesus. Think about those three directives. What do they mean? How can you go about practicing each of them? What is one thing you know for sure about Jesus?
2. Peter cites Leviticus 11:44-45 telling us to be holy as He is holy. As you think about Holiness, what other words come to mind. What do you think being "holy" means? Why is it important that God is Holy.
3. Verses 18 and 19 let us know that our entry into relationship with God is not due to perishable things, even valuable things like silver and gold but by the "precious blood" of Jesus. Verse 21 says that the result is that our "faith and hope" are in God. As you think about your life circumstances, are you putting your faith and hope in God? Are you tempted to put your faith and hope in God PLUS something else? Discuss some verses that allow you to put your faith and hope in Him alone.
4. Our world is anything but Holy. Someone recently shared that if you search "holy", the first thing that shows up on google is a pop song. How can we as believers impact the world around us to point people to the faith and hope that God in His holiness makes available to all people?

For further reflection: in 1 Corinthians 11 Paul talks about the importance of clear relationships as we take the Lords Supper. Do you have relationships that are cracked or broken? What steps if any do you need to take with family or coworkers or friends in order to have clean and clear relationships?

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