

Life Group Notes

Sunday 30th January 2022

Speaker: Liz Green

Title: 1 Peter: In light of this glorious inheritance

Passage: 1 Peter 1:13 - 2:3

Peter encourages his readers to live in response to all that he has just said about a living hope and the glorious inheritance that has been secured through Christ's resurrection.

They are to;

HOPE fully;

Peter encourages his readers to get rid of sloppy thinking, be alert, not lazy in mind. Hoping fully evokes a sense of centring our joy and expectation in life around the return of Jesus Christ.

LIVE purely;

We are called to be 'obedient children', who obey in response to all that God has done. The children of Israel were called to 'Be holy as he is holy' – to live reflecting the God who had rescued them. Holy means to be set apart, distinct, as God is distinct. Believers are to be set apart FOR the use of God and HIS mission.

WALK reverently;

God is both Father and Judge. The price of forgiveness was far more than mere silver and gold, and as such, we are called to be those who don't waste or throw our salvation away.

LOVE earnestly;

Loving others like family is a result of spiritual rebirth from the imperishable seed of the gospel. Peter refers back to Isaiah's words to demonstrate that the word of God does indeed remain forever. Isaiah's words were prophesied 700 years before Christ and are still bearing fruit today!

Questions:

1. What behaviour might change in you if your hope was centred fully on the return of Christ? (What has changed, if you think you are already there!!)
2. What thoughts/images come to mind when you hear the word Holy? How can imitating God's holiness draw people to himself?
3. Do you find it easier to relate to God as Father or Judge? Why? How does this affect your conduct?
4. What is 'loving your brothers earnestly' looking like for you at the moment? Are there particular areas in loving others which you would like to grow in? eg. Forgiveness, acts of service, holding your tongue, giving time etc.