

Clear Thinking in a Foggy World

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1 Peter 1:13-16

Group Questions

1. Describe a time this week that you completely blew it (this could be an attitude, a remark you made, or an action you took).
2. In 1 Peter 1:13-16, there are two commands: “set your hope” (v. 13) and “be holy” (v. 15). What is the relationship between “hope” and “holiness?”
3. How do the phrases “prepare your minds for action” (v. 13) and “be self-controlled” (v. 13) relate to hope? What happens when we lose hope? Have you ever lost hope?
4. The word holy literally means to be set apart. When you hear the word holy, what comes to your mind? Why do Christians often seem to be more conformed to the world than to God? How does our relationship with Jesus affect anything we try to do to attain holiness?
5. Discuss the following definitions/descriptions of holiness.
 - To be holy is to be morally blameless.
 - To be holy is to be separated from sin and therefore consecrated to God.
 - The apostle Paul used the term holiness to contrast a godly life from immorality.
 - Holiness is nothing less than conformity to the character of God.
 - The word saint means to be a holy one.

What happens if we fail to be any of these statements above?

6. What does it look like to be holy? Do we have any legitimate chance to be “holy?” Why or why not? What does Jesus have to say about holiness? What clues do you find in 1 Peter 1:13-16? What clues do you find in 1 Peter 1:17-2:3?
7. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Holiness flows from our fellowship with Jesus which results in obedience. Why or why not?