1 Peter 1:13-21 Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions

*Feel free to choose what questions will be most helpful to your group to grow in their understanding of the Scripture and faithfully apply it to their lives.*

1. Peter began the letter by addressing his readers as “elect exiles.” Now he is unpacking how God’s chosen people ought to live in the midst of their exile. Pastor Chris used the biblical theme of “darkness” to characterize what it means to live in “exile.”

a. When we face opposition or loss for the sake of Christ in the midst of “exile” or “darkness,” the temptation can be to simply become like everyone else and regress into old patterns of living so you can blend into the darkness and escape suffering.

 1) What kinds of loss for the sake of Christ have you experienced?

2) What have you learned about how to walk through darkness and exile? What has kept you from regressing?

2. Peter begins his instruction in this passage by admonishing them on how we should respond to “exile” in the “darkness” of this world. What are the various things in this passage that he tells them to do?

a. Why do you think that this is the way that God wants us to respond to the suffering we endure for His name?

b. How have you seen God use these things in your own life in the midst of suffering and hardship?

c. How is the Lord currently challenging you to grow in one or more of these areas?

3. Peter uses our new identity in Christ as the basis for how we respond. What does Peter tell us about whom we are in Christ? What is the meaning of these images and metaphors?

a. Which of these images stand out to you and why?

b. How have you been growing in your understanding of your identity in Christ? How has it impacted your life?

c. How does understanding our identity in Jesus enable us to persevere in the midst of struggle?