

GROWTH GROUPS

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1 Peter 1:13-16

Conversation Starter:

In our passage this week, God's Word calls us to be "obedient children." What thoughts or emotions rise in you when you hear the word "obedience?" What memories from your childhood come to mind?

Understanding: Statement from "Core Beliefs" document.

"The Bible"

The Bible is the special revelation of God which was inspired by the Holy Spirit in order that people might come into the knowledge and love of God. These inspired words are given not only to reveal God's love, but to transform God's people into loving disciples in the world. The words of the Bible were written in various literary fashions, by imperfect men of different cultures and languages. Therefore, it is imperative that God's church utilizes all the resources of scholarship in order to interpret the meaning of God's Word for the church today. We believe that the Bible is trustworthy, reliably leading this church to the understandings affirmed in this document.

Having established that the spirit with which we receive God's Revelation (the Bible) is one of faith and expectancy, we now ask, "what do we do with this Revelation?"

Questions after reading 1 Peter 1:13-16

1. In verse 13 we are given "three keys" to rightly apply the Revelation of God. What are these keys and how do we go about applying them?
2. The third "key" in verse 13 is to "set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed." How does placing our hope in the eternal kingdom as opposed to this world help us to rightly handle God's Word? *(Consider 1 Peter 2 in your conversation)*
3. God is called "Holy." To be "Holy" is to be set apart from the rest. In this sense God is set apart from the created world that has been infected by sin. As God is Holy, God's people are called to be Holy. What does this mean and what might this look like in our lives as followers of Christ today?

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