



1 PETER:

Holy Exiles



FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING

1 PETER 1:13-21

GETTING STARTED...

"What does God want for my life?" We often ask that question when we are considering a new career, moving homes, or thinking about marriage. And the Bible has plenty to say about what God wants for our lives, but it is less about the details of life and more focused on holiness. God created us to be in his image and that means we reflect his holiness. And so over and over again throughout the Bible God calls his people to holiness. As believers we are called to show God's holiness in our lives and Peter gives us plenty of reasons to do so. But if we are going to pursue holiness it will require us to prepare ourselves fixed on the hope and grace of Jesus.

READ THE TEXT: 1 PETER 1:13-21

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Peter calls believers to “be holy” (vs 15), what are all the reasons that he gives in this passage for that call?
2. How does Peter use the theme of “Father” and “children” in this passage? How does this help us to understand the “fear” in vs 17?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

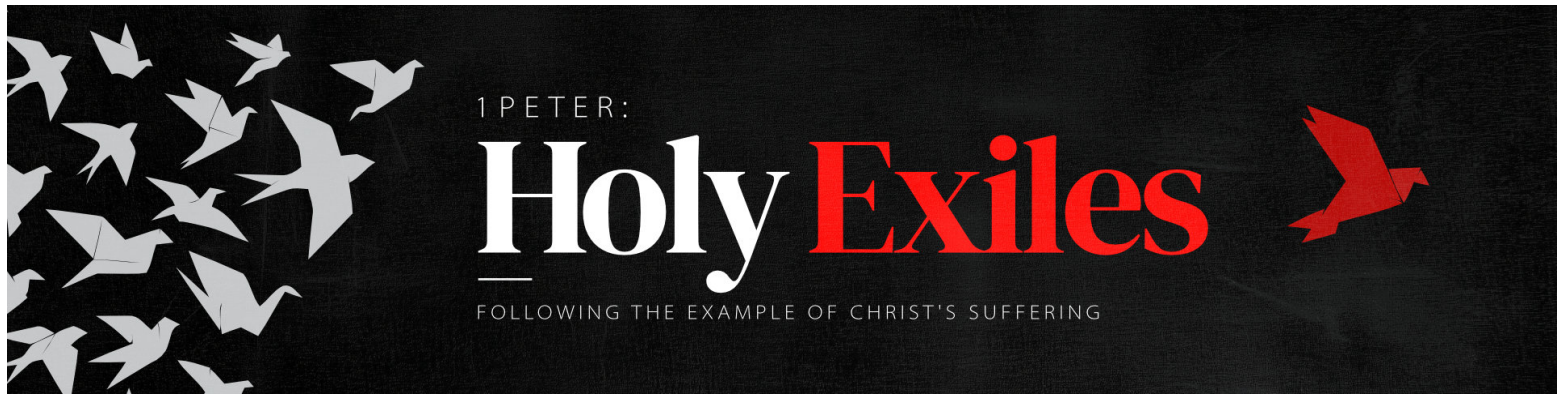
3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been applying to your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. What does it look like practically for us to “prepare our minds” for holiness? What things can we do to be prepared to grow in our holiness?
6. How should we as Christians, whose sins have been forgiven by Jesus, fear God? What difference does it make to our life to remember that God will judge our actions?
7. Share the example of someone you know that would you say has been pursuing holiness? What from their example can you use in your own life to grow?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*"Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them." - Psalm 111:2*