A Holy People | 1 Peter 1:13-25

The apostle Peter wrote his first letter to Christians who were living as a misunderstood minority in a culture that did not share their beliefs, values, or behaviors. He described them as **"strangers and exiles"** in the world—people whose true citizenship belongs to another kingdom. This week, we are reminded of our call to be holy in an unholy world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

SPIRIT

1. How did the Spirit stir your mind or convict your heart from the sermon? Share with your group how the sermon moved in your heart, mind and soul and what response(s) you sense the Spirit moving you towards.

SCRIPTURE

1. Read the 1 Peter 1:13-25 in various translations and answer the following questions:
    a. According to Peter, where does the battle for holy living begin in the life of a believer?
    b. What does term "holy" mean? How does a proper understanding of "holiness" impact believers position and purpose in the world?

c. Peter mentions obedience twice in this passage regarding holiness. What specifically is Peter exhorting obedience in and what is the desired outcome of each command?
d. Peter mentions 5 paths to holiness. What are those paths and how do they contribute to holy living?

SAINTS

1. What are you primarily filling your mind with…worldly news, social media, fashion, politics, sports or biblical devotionals, bible study, podcasts, prayer and worship? What is the ratio of worldly influence vs Kingdom influence that you are consuming regularly? Share with your group.
2. Do you to feel that all areas of your life reflect conformity to the world or transformative holy living? Share which areas are still conformed to the world and which areas have been transformed into holiness.
3. Consider an area of moral compromise in your life…word, thought, deed, attitude or devotion. How is that compromise affecting your holiness and witness for Christ? Share with your group where you struggle the most, confessing those struggles and encourage one another to pursue holiness.
4. What is one new habit of obedience to Christ that you could begin today that would help you grow in your holiness? Is the new habit of obedience something you need to stop doing or start doing? Share with your group and ask for accountability.

PRAYER

1. Seek the Spirit:

Ask the Holy Spirit to move on the hearts and minds of your group to enable spiritual maturity and group multiplication. Give the Spirit permission to call anyone, at any time, for anything, that advances the Gospel and makes disciples of Jesus Christ.

2. See a Need – Serve a Need:

Ask the Holy Spirit to give your group spiritual eyes that truly see the need to harvest souls for Jesus and the gospel opportunities at Cityview Bible Church to serve the body of Christ, our visitors and guests, our community and beyond. Ask the Spirit to stir your hearts to meet and serve those needs.

3. Step Up & Step Out:

Ask the Holy Spirit to stir your group when it is time for a member or members to step up to the next level of group leadership or step out to launch and birth a new group.