

Week 4: 1 Peter 1:13-25

LOOK BACK

1. How was your week? Any highlight or challenge you would like to share?

LOOK UP

In this section of the letter Peter instructs the churches to whom he is writing how to live based on the marvelous salvation that has come to them through Jesus.

Someone read 1 Peter 1:13-16 aloud.

Peter instructs the church to do three things in verse 13.

- 1. Prepare the mind for action. This means Christians ought to bring our "rational and reflective minds under control". How are we to accomplish this?
- 2. Peter adds, "...and being sober minded", which means the Christ-follower is to have mental and spiritual self-control. In what practical way can we as Christians demonstrate this mental discipline?
- 3. Peter continues, "...set your hope...". What is the grace that will be brought to the Christ-follower?
- 4. How does this future oriented thinking help us to leave a life ruled by passions and live holy (in the sense of 'apartness') lives?

Someone read I Peter 1:17-21 aloud.

1. As "elect exiles" we should live our lives in reverence. Peter gives us two reasons why. What are they? (The impartiality of God and the value of that which redeemed us)

2. In verses 20 and 21 Peter gives us some outcomes as to why Jesus was made known in these last days. What are they? What part does the resurrection play in this manifestation?

Someone read 1 Peter 1:22-25 aloud.

- 1. Why do you think Peter needed to command believers to love one another? Why is this teaching still valid today at Currey Creek? What is the adjective used to describe how we are to love one another? What is the reason given as to why we are to love one another?
- 2. Knowing that we have this eternal, always potentially fruit bearing seed in us, how does this reflect on our ability and obligation to love one another?

LOOK FORWARD

- 1. Is there anything in this passage that you need to obey this week?
- 2. Is there anything coming up this week you need the group to pray about?