

As I write, several of our ladies are assembling for today's Kay Arthur conference. I'm praying that they will be blessed and inspired by what Kay has to share. Because they will be there all day, many may not have time to look at these questions about tomorrow's lesson. That's more pressure on you guys to step up in the discussion tomorrow. Here you are...

Living in Holiness
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Peter 1:13-19

Opening Question: Christians are called to live a HOLY LIFESTYLE. What's the difference between living a HOLY life and being HOLIER THAN THOU?

1 Peter 1:13-17 (NIV)

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

Verse 13 - The first word is "Therefore." Basic Bible study saying, when we see "THEREFORE" we ask...what is it THERE FOR? What is the context? What does the word "therefore" mean in this context?

In the KJV the imagery is helpful: "...gird up the loins of your mind"

Anyone know what "girding the loins" meant?

We have a modern saying like it. If we're about to take on a tough job we say we're going to "roll up..._____ and get to it.

Peter says be ALERT and FULLY SOBER.

What does it mean when we say something is "sobering"?

Look at the last sentence of verse 13. Once our minds are PREPARED and ALERT, what does Peter tell us to DO?

What does that mean? What kind of outlook should BELIEVERS have?

Verse 14 - Peter uses a metaphor we all understand: "As obedient children..." do not "conform" (in other words: don't go back to) the "evil desires" you had "when you lived in ignorance."

Can you think of another verse of scripture that uses that same phrase, "do not conform?"

"As obedient children..." don't go back to your old ways when you were ignorant.

Parents: When our kids do something STUPID we often respond by saying "You know _____"

Generally after a parent says, "You know _____ (above)." What do we follow up with? Look at verses 15 and 16.

1 Peter 1:15-16

15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." The New International Version. 2011. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Let's talk about BEING HOLY.

What does the word HOLY mean?

HOW can we BE holy? Though we are SAVED by Christ, we are still sinful by nature, so HOW can we be HOLY?

Here's a BONUS LINK for really ambitious students!

http://preceptaustin.org/new_page_42.htm

Verse 17 - What does verse 17 tell us is another MOTIVATION to BE HOLY?

Back to the metaphor of the parent and the child...I think we would all agree that children shouldn't have to live a FEARFUL life at the hands of their parents.

However, what happens when a child has "no fear"?

We might say a child needs a "healthy fear" of their parent.

So, describe for me what a "healthy fear" looks like?

Verse 17 reminds us that God is not only a LOVING GOD of provision and salvation...He's also a God of JUDGEMENT.

At the end of time there will be TWO JUDGEMENTS, one for UNBELIEVERS and one for BELIEVERS.

What will God judge UNBELIEVERS for?

What will God judge BELIEVERS for?

How do verses 18 and 19 give us a MOTIVE for holy living?

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.