

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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1 Peter 1:13-25

1. What does Peter mean in verse 13 when he tells us to have “minds that are alert and fully sober?”
 - a. God doesn’t like us to drink and do drugs.
 - b. He wants us to think clearly about the consequences of our actions.
 - c. He wants us to choose carefully how we live our lives.
 - d. He wants us to set our hope on the grace to be brought when Jesus is revealed (eyes on the prize).

2. What are Peter’s instructions in verses 14-23?
 - a. Do not conform to the evil desires you used to have before you had this hope.
 - b. Be holy in all you do.
 - c. Live your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.
 - d. Love one another deeply.

3. Is this instruction for all people, or is it specific to a certain group of people? _____

4. Peter says that we should be holy because God is holy. What does that mean?
 - a. He is just saying that because it sounds spiritual. Nobody is really holy except for God.
 - b. He is repeating a command that is given several times in the book of Leviticus, often before a teaching on how to live (See Lev 11:44-45, Lev 19:2, Lev 20:7)
 - c. This is something that was said in Leviticus accompanied by a reminder of what God had done for Israel in the past (Lev 11:45).
 - d. God is “wholly other” which is a phrase used by theologians to explain that God isn’t like anything else we know or have seen. He is calling us to step out from our “normal” way of living and choose to do things his way instead. Although we will not become “wholly other” like he is, we will be very different from the people around us who continue to live as we used to (conforming to the evil desires we had when we lived in ignorance).

5. What does verse 17 say that the Father judges?
 - a. He pretends we are righteous even though he knows that we aren’t.
 - b. He judges each person’s works impartially.

6. How, then, does verse 17 say we should live in light of this judgment?
 - a. Pretty much the same, but forgiven.
 - b. As foreigners...wait, doesn’t that sound like the ‘holy’ or ‘wholly other’ thing we were talking about before.
 - c. In reverent fear.

7. Why, according to verses 18-25, should we live as “holy” foreigners and love one another deeply (which will also be pretty different) after we have purified ourselves?
 - a. So that we can be saved.
 - b. Because we know what it cost to redeem us from that old way of life.
 - c. Because we have been saved.
 - d. Because the seed by which we have been born again is not one that leads to death, so we should not practice works that lead to death.
 - e. Because this is what was preached to us!

8. How are you going to live, now that you know this? _____
