

THE TRUE GRACE OF GOD

Respond to Grace

1 Peter 1:13-25 | Bob Wade

We continue our study of 1 Peter with a focus on the hope, reverence, and love that God's grace produces in us. Because of what God has done (even before the foundations of the world were laid), we can press on with hope and reverence. We can love well—even in the midst of difficulty and uncertainty—because our future is secure.

Read 1 Peter 1:13-25 aloud as a group, pray for the Lord to guide the conversation, and let the Lord work in all of your hearts.

Note: Leaders, please take time in group this week to go over the discussion on living on mission that you received in your Leader Connect email last week.

GROW IN FAITH

1. What are some of Peter's key thoughts in 1 Peter 1:13-25? What big ideas or key words jump out at you? Why is that the case?
2. Peter tells the dispersed believers to prepare their minds for action. When you hear this, what images or scenarios do you conjure up in your mind?

Does the sense of challenge or urgency surprise you? Explain.

3. Verse 14 tells us to set our minds on the grace that has been revealed to us by Christ. What does that mean? How has God's grace been revealed in the past? Presently in our lives? In our future salvation? What is your first response when you face an overwhelming situation or problem?

How does Romans 12:1-2 help us in this?

CONNECT IN COMMUNITY

4. Pastor Bob said that being holy means doing things the way Jesus did things. Is it possible to live like Jesus lived? To love people like Jesus loved? To forgive as Jesus forgave?

What is the challenge to us as a small group with these words?

5. What is produced when we fully understand God's plan and we obey and follow Christ? (See verses 22-25)

LIVE ON MISSION

6. This passage calls for all Believers, in the good, in the bad, and in the ugly parts of our lives, to put grace into action. How could you put the grace of Christ into action this week? Specifically, consider upcoming scenarios or interactions and how you might respond differently based on our discussion..
7. Finally, pray for the upcoming Feed My Starving Children event at church...for God to bind our hearts as a community, for the food to get to its destination and save lives, and for the gospel to be preached to those who receive the food.