



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **LifeGroup Discussion**

Date: September 3, 2017

### **1 Peter 1:13-25**

1. Pastor Craig used an illustration about lemons and lemon juice on Sunday morning to talk about expectation. Why should those who claim to be followers of Jesus be expected to act like Jesus?
2. 1 Peter 1:13 urges Christians to prepare their minds and be ready for action. How can we balance the necessary “action” of the Christian life with the command to “be still and know that I am God?”
3. Peter was writing to a group of believers who were beginning to experience some social persecution for their beliefs. Why can it be hard to trust the Bible when the culture around you ridicules you for your beliefs? How has this happened to you?
4. Have someone read Galatians 5:16-26. What are the differences between the fruit of the flesh and the fruit of the spirit. Who produces fruit of the flesh? Who produces the fruit of the spirit?
5. Progressive sanctification is a lifelong process for Christians, but accountability can speed up the process of sanctification. Discuss a time when someone else pointed out sin in your life and helped you to grow in godliness.
6. In the end of chapter one (and throughout the entire book of 1 Peter), Peter points to eternity as a motivation for living the Christian life. Why should Christians often look beyond the horizon of this world for their encouragement to pursue Christ?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize 1 Peter 1:22. Talk with one another about how obedience to Christ enables us to better love one another.