



## The Essentials: 1 and 2 Peter

### Session 2

#### 1 Peter 1: 13-25

#### Opening Collect

*Together:* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Watch Video

**Read:** 1 Peter 1: 13-25

#### Discussion:

1. As Colin notes in the video, the word “therefore” signals that Peter’s teaching is contingent on what came before. In your own words how would you summarize what Peter says in 1:1-12.
2. How do you typically think about holiness? Does the passage or video cause you to reconsider your understanding of Christian holiness?
3. Much in this passage is about conduct. Have you ever experienced a change in how you conduct your own life? How did it happen? Have you ever observed it in someone else?
4. In the beginning of the passage Peter encourages his readers to prepare their minds and to set their hope on the grace of Jesus Christ. How might you begin to do those things? How might that change you?
5. When have you felt a reverent sense of awe in God?

#### Check in and Closing Prayer

## 1 Peter 1: 13-25

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup> Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

That word is the good news that was announced to you.