



### A New Desire | 1 Peter 1:13-21

As we move into the first section of 1 Peter, we begin to look at the issue of *sanctification* as one of the three kinds of “suffering.”

Sanctification is the process of being “saved from the power of sin” in our daily lives. It is the process of becoming holy as He is holy. There is a “death of self” that happens in sanctification that can feel like suffering.

In what ways does “death of self” sound hard? In what ways does it sound liberating?

### **READ/REFLECT**

#### 1 Peter 1:13-21

Read through these verses.

To what does “the grace that will be brought to you” refer? (hint #1: think “glorification” from last week’s study and refer to 1 Pt. 1:4-5; 9; hint #2: glorification involves being “saved from the presence of sin” and “receiving reward for suffering faithfully”) How does putting your hope on that grace encourage you?

Contrast “setting your hope on future grace” with “being conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.” How have you seen these two responses to suffering?

Does the term “holy” intimidate you? confuse you? excite you? Be honest. (sharing your ambivalence is ok)

What does the word “holy” mean? ... when describing God? ... when describing us?

How do “being holy” and the “hope of grace” fit together?

Describe the “futile ways” from which we have been ransomed.

The words “knowing that” in verse 18 suggest that what we find in verses 18-21 should motivate us to live with *fear*. How does knowing these truths lead to holiness?

How do “introspection” (preparing your minds for action) and “letting go” (being sober-minded) help us embrace a desire for holiness?

### **RESPOND**

When will you set aside time for introspection? (looking at your desires and where you place your hope)

What is one tangible act of obedience that you will move into this week?

### **REACH OUT** in prayer

Ask each person in the group to share how others can pray for them to apply these truths to their lives.