

## Sermon Discussion Questions October 16-17

### 1 Peter 1:13-20

- 1) Do you know of anyone (personal or celebrity) who has been born into privilege and has lived-up to their calling well? Do you know of anyone who has ruined the good name they inherited?
- 2) Peter talks about staying mentally focused (vs. 13). This include staying, alert, sober, and focused on the day of Jesus' return.
  - a. What in your life is working against your capacity to stay focused? What is one change you could make to fight against that factor? Make a plan with your group.
  - b. If technology/cellphone use is an issue, consider Jason's suggestions.
    - i. Tell someone about how much you use your device and where the problems are: News. Videos. Porn. Instagram. Snap. Facebook?
    - ii. Track it with someone for a week using an app (FEVER. MY ADDICTIONMETER. OFFTIME. QUALITY TIME. Apple Users have SCREENTIME)
    - iii. Share the results with your group
    - iv. Together, ask Jesus how he wants you to reduce the hold of this so you can be more focussed on what's lasting and important.
    - v. Work with each other to forge new habits and make a plan.
    - vi. Follow up with one another next week.
- 3) Jason stated that the secret to being more holier (like our Father) is to keep our focus on Jesus himself (the author and protector of our faith). How do you keep your focus on Jesus regularly? Is your practice sufficient for the task? Are there any changes you would like to make?
- 4) Have a look at the questions on the worksheet linked here: <http://hopechapel.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Character-Questions-Hope-version.pdf>. Give everyone in your group a copy of the questions. Ask them to pick a question that resonates with them personally (they may feel GOOD about the question or POORLY about the question.). Go around your group and ask people to share (a) the question they picked. (b) why they picked it and (c) what God is asking them to do about it.
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