

# May 12 – 18

Chosen and Exiled | Organized Around God

**Icebreaker:** What have been some of the organizing principles in your life? (desire for success, money, fame, impact, etc.) How have those principles pushed you toward God or away from God?

## Read 1 Peter 1:13–22

**SOAP Discussion** (Details on the SOAP Method at [www.cfdowningtown.com/soap](http://www.cfdowningtown.com/soap).)

- Each person shares an observation or application from the verse they chose.
- Go with the order of the verses. Follow each verse with some of the questions below.

## Further Discussion

Verse 13

- How would you describe what it means to be sober-minded?
- Why is it vital for us to be sober-minded?
- What difference would it make to set our hope on the hope of Jesus' return?

Verse 14–16

- Why is it so much easier to conform to the world than to be different?
- How were you ignorant before coming to know Jesus?
- Why is God's holiness the key to our holiness?

Verse 17–22

*While all believers in Jesus are saved for eternity through his blood (see vv.18–19), we will also be judged based on how we live our lives (See 2 Corinthians 5:10).*

- How does this help you understand the fear talked about in verse 17? How does this change the way we live now?
- How is Jesus central to us living lives of holiness?
- How does our holiness change how believers live with each other?

## Application

*Pastor Lee said that there are false ways to consider a holy life. We consider it unimaginable (not possible), undesirable (weird or weak), or unattainable (like Pharisees or Amish).*

- Which of these are you prone to connect with the idea of holiness?

*Dallas Willard said, "The overall ideal of the spiritual life is one where all the essential parts of the human self are effectively organized around God as they are restored and sustained by him."*

- What do you think of this understanding of holiness?
- What area of your life would you like to organize around God more closely?

**For Next Week:** Use SOAP with one verse in 1 Peter 1:23 – 2:3.