

# Your Home Before You're Home

## Discussion Questions

### 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

1. Peter begins these verses by referring back to our experience of becoming a Christian. How does he describe this in 1:21-23?
2. What are some of the things that Peter mentions in these verses (1:21-23) that changed in our lives when we became a Christian?
3. In 1:13-16, Peter says, "Now that you are a Christian, there are some things you need to do. According to these verses, what does it look like to live the Christian life?"
4. How can we be holy as God is holy? What does this look like?
5. What does it mean to have a reverent fear (1:17) of God and how does this impact the way we live?
6. In 1:18-20, Peter describes the price that God paid to ransom us. What was that price? What does it mean to be ransomed?
7. Peter encourages us (1:22) to show sincere love for each other. What are some ways that you as individuals and as a small group can do this?
8. What does it mean (2:1) to get rid of all evil behaviour?
9. How do we (2:2) grow into a full experience of salvation? Why is this important?

### 1 Peter 2:4-12

10. What are the three things we learn about Jesus in 2:4?
11. What is a cornerstone? Why is this significant?
12. In 2:6-8, Peter gives us similar information, but here he is using the Old Testament to back up what he is saying. Why would he go to the Old Testament, and why is this significant?
13. What do we learn about ourselves in 2:5, 9a, 10? What do each of these things mean? What do they teach us about who we are in Jesus?
14. In 2:9b, 11-12 we are told how we are to live out our identity in Christ?
15. How can we show others the goodness of God? What will this look like?
16. How can we live properly among our unbelieving neighbours?
17. What will be the result of us living in this way (4:12b)?

### 1 Peter 3:13-22

Peter's readers are suffering.

- They are not suffering because they did something wrong.
  - They are suffering because they chose to be followers of Jesus.
1. Why do people persecute/ harm others when they are doing the right thing?
  2. What is God's response to those who suffering for doing the right thing? (3:14)
  3. Therefore, we don't need to do what? (3:14)
  4. Have any of you ever suffered for doing the right thing? How did you respond?
  5. What is to be our response to those who initiate our suffering? (3:15-16)
  6. Who is ultimately in control of whether or not we will suffer? (3:17)

The last five verses (3:18-22) talk about Jesus and the example he is for us.

7. Why did Jesus suffer? (3:18)
8. Did he deserve to suffer? (3:18)
9. After he suffered, God honoured Jesus in three different ways. How did God honour Jesus (3:18-22)

### **1 Peter 4:1-11**

Peter continues to write about Christians who are suffering.

1. What does it look like when we have the same attitude to suffering that Jesus had? (4:1)
2. Peter gives us two possible life choices that people adopt when they are suffering. What are they? (4:2)
3. What does it look like when someone chooses the first life style as a result of their suffering? (4:3)
4. What happens when we do not choose to live the first lifestyle even though we are suffering? (4:4)
5. What is the end result for those who slander and persecute those who choose to do good, to live the second lifestyle? (4:5)
6. Peter gives us three things that are to be a part of our lifestyle while we are suffering. They are? (4:7-9)
7. And rather than withdrawing from the church and from fellowship when we are suffering, we are to do what within the church? (4:10-11a)
8. And when we suffer well, when we are healthy in our suffering, what will be the result? (4:11b)