

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

# 1 Peter 1:13-21

## Living as Strangers

### Getting Started

Have you ever visited a part of America in which you felt like an outsider? Describe your experience as a stranger in a strange land.

### Background

On the basis of our great salvation (vss. 1-12), Paul exhorts us to live lives of hope, holiness and reverence.

### Digging In

1. **Read verse 13.** What do you think it means to prepare our minds for action?
2. In what are we to place our hope? Put this in your own words.
3. **Read vss. 14-16.** Why are we to be holy?
4. What does it mean to be holy? Give some positive and negative examples.
5. **Read vss. 17-21.** What does it mean to live *as strangers here*?
6. What does it mean to live *in reverent fear*?
7. Peter gives two reasons why we should live our lives *as strangers here in reverent fear*. What is the first one? (v. 17)
8. What is the second reason? (vss. 18-19)
9. How do we know that it was always part of God's plan to send Christ as a sacrifice for our sins – that it was not Plan B?



### Getting Personal

- In practical terms, how can we personally apply the three exhortations in v. 13?
- Would you say that you are *holy in all you do*? What would have to change in your life in order for you to be wholly holy?
- Read vss. 17-21 again. In what ways have you become too comfortable living in the world – too conformed to the world?
- Reflect on these verses. Ask God to use them to increase your appreciation for Christ's sacrifice, and your desire to live a life of grateful obedience *in reverent fear*.