

02 CALL TO HOLINESS

KEY TEXT: 1 PETER 1:13-25

CENTRAL truth

How do you treat something that is valuable to you? Whether it's a pair of sneakers, a family heirloom, or a brand new gadget, we treat things that are special to us with a great amount of care. In this week's teaching, Peter reminds believers that we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. We are valuable to our holy God. And **because He is holy, we are called to holy living.**

key question

What does living as God's children look like? Why is it important for us to live this way?

It's through God's saving work that believers are made children in His family. As children of a holy God, we are to reflect His holiness by living holy—or set apart—lives. When we experience suffering or rejection for following Jesus, we might be tempted to revisit old sinful patterns or entertain ideas and beliefs that do not honor the Lord. We must not depart from the truth—we must commit to living in a way that honors the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit.

keep in mind

- Peter urges believers to love one another amid the suffering—something that we may neglect during difficult moments. Use the **Culture Note** in this week's session to help students identify practical ways to support and encourage other believers who are going through something painful.
- If you don't already do so, use the last few minutes of your time in group gathering prayer requests. Invite students who are comfortable to share about what's going on in their lives, and take a moment to pray for their needs. Use the **Leader Challenge** to encourage students to continue praying for one another throughout the week.

application

How can the way we live reflect the hope we have in Jesus's return?

the win

FOR THE STUDENT: Students should leave group with a better understanding of what holiness looks like and be motivated by God's grace in their lives to respond with obedience.

FOR THE LEADER: Remind students that they can find support and encouragement through the group—or other believers—when life is difficult. Be prepared to offer encouragement or a listening ear to students who may need it.

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