Sermon Study Guide – 1 Peter 1:13-21 Andre Riendeau Week of February 20, 2022

Title: "A New Hope"

Sermon Idea: Live in synch with your true identity in Christ.

Key Points:

- 1. You're blessed with a secure inheritance: set your hope on future glory.
- 2. You're a part of God's family: let the Father's DNA have its way.
- 3. You're a temporary resident due to report back home: walk in reverent fear.

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that as children of God, they must live lives that reflect the character of God. That requires discipline and remembering that we'll have to answer for how we live our lives while on earth.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) remind themselves of their sonship, (2) practice self-discipline over their minds and desires, and (3) refocus on Jesus throughout the day.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need to live lives that honor God.

Recommended Resources: "The 4:8 Principle," Tommy Newberry; "Rejoice & Tremble," Michael Reeves

Dig:

Day 1: 1 Peter 1:13-21 is filled with commands as a response to the great salvation described in the previous verses. What are these commands?

Day 2: Philippians 4:8 tells us what to set our minds upon. Why is this so important? What happens when we don't discipline our minds?

Day 3: Romans 12:1-2 is Paul's response to the first eleven chapters where he explains the gospel. What is the proper response to a true understanding of the gospel?

Day 4: Galatians 5:13-25 explains how life in the Spirit works. What does it practically mean to "walk by the Spirit" or "keep in step with the Spirit?" Give an example from everyday life.

Day 5: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 discusses the
judgment day when we stand before the Lord
What will be decided that day? How is this a
motivation for holy living now?

Apply:

- Post a list of all the benefits you have in Christ in a place where you can regularly see it and pray over it.
- Memorize Philippians 4:8 and train yourself to use it as a grid for anything you're thinking of reading or watching.
- Use the PAUSE app from John Eldredge in order to refocus on God throughout the day.

Pray: Father God, thank You for the living hope that You've given me through faith in Your Son. Help me to stay aligned with You so that You might live Your holy life through me. May I remain faithful to You in all that I do and think – to Your great glory and praise! Amen!
