

STUDY GUIDE: FAITH IS LIFE

“The Father’s Children” (1 Peter 1:13-25)

Discussion Starters

1. How are you most like the Father?
2. How do you most need to be like the Father?

Study: Re-read the first chapter of 1 Peter in preparation for the following questions in at least two translations (not a paraphrase).

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms, and note how understanding this term helps you understand the passage.

--“prepare” (1 Peter 1:13)—

--“sober” (1 Peter 1:13)—

--“be conformed” (1 Peter 1:14)—

--“lusts” (1 Peter 1:14)—

--“holy” (1 Peter 1:16)—

--“impartially” (1 Peter 1:17)—

--“purified” (1 Peter 1:22)—

--“sincere” (1 Peter 1:22)—

--“love” (1 Peter 1:22)— (Be careful ☹)

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4. What does “Therefore” in 1:13 refer to?

5. What “former lusts” does Peter refer to in 1:14? Does this mean that these are entirely absent in his readers? Please explain.

6. What are the “last times” (1:20)? How do you know this?

7. What is the difference between the “loves” in 1:22?

Taking It Home (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

8. Give an example of how you can “fervently love” a brother in Christ (be specific).

9. How can you love someone who is NOT a brother in the same way (be just as specific).

10. How does your love change when you have Jesus’ heart? Again, be specific.