

CrossPoint Community Guide

Steadfast | Be Holy

DINNER & DELIGHT *45 minutes*

- Share a high and low of the week.

LEARN & STUDY *25 minutes*

- Context (1 Peter 1:1–3): Who wrote this letter, and who is he writing to? What do we learn about their situation and identity?
- **Read together:** 1 Peter 1v13-25
- What Old Testament scripture does Peter quote? What's the significance of this?
- Throughout this passage, how does Peter connect the identity of followers of Jesus with the way they are called to live?
- What purpose statement do you notice in the passage (look for words like “so that”)? What does this reveal about Peter's purpose in writing?
- How does Peter move from holiness to love in verses 22–25? Why do you think he ends this section with loving one another deeply?

PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT *40 minutes*

- In seasons of pressure or disappointment, are you placing more hope in changed circumstances or in God's faithfulness? Why?
- Reflect on this statement: **God's grace does not obligate obedience, rather God's grace makes obedience possible.** What stands out to you? How does this shape your understanding of following Jesus?
- **Christ-like love means willing the good of another person ahead of yourself regardless of what it costs you.** Where have you experienced this kind of love? How might God be inviting you to receive it more deeply so that you can extend it to others?
- **The Church, the family of God, is where holiness gets tested, healed, strengthened, and made visible.** How have you experienced this reality? Where do you long to experience it more?
- Of these 6 practices, what do you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to lean into?
 - 1) Ready your mind (1 Pet. 1v13a)
 - 2) Lift your eyes to Jesus (1 Pet. 1v13b)
 - 3) Continue surrendering your desires to Jesus (1 Pet. 1v14)
 - 4) Pursue holiness because it's who God is and we are called to be like him (1 Pet. 1v15-16)
 - 5) Respect God as God and follow his way (1 Pet. 1v17-21)
 - 6) Love deeply (1 Pet. 1v22-25)

REFLECT & PRAY *10 minutes*

- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?
- Pray for courage to obey the ways God is inviting us to become more like him through the six practices we see in 1 Peter.