

Specific Questions: Text: 1Peter 1:1-25

1. Describe a time when you prepared for an event, but when the time came you discovered that you weren't as prepared as you thought.
2. In what sense are followers of Jesus "aliens and strangers" in the U.S.?
3. How well would you say your mind is prepared for spiritual opposition? (e.g. key verses committed to memory, clarity about your personal convictions, readiness to give a reason for your hope)
4. On a scale of 1 to 10 rate your vigilance (sober in spirit) in living for the will of God (1Pet 4:2)
5. To what extent does the promise of Jesus' return affect your daily life?
6. When you bring your needs to God in prayer and ask your heavenly Father for help, are you aware that He will impartially judge your life? How does your living affect your praying? How does your praying influence your living?
7. Since we don't know the specifics of the future in America, if things were to improve significantly, would that change how you live? If things continue to deteriorate, will that change how you live?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?