

Sermon Helps for Sunday 3 May 2020

1 Peter 1: 13-16

Hi everyone

This week two ideas are to the fore: Hope and Holiness: we see not just that they are important but that they are connected.

I start by using the illustration of a dog that is bred to stare at sheep – God wants us to stare hard at something!

It is something we have already receive, so the first point, a kind of incomplete summary of verses 3-12 is:

1. You live in a room called Grace (10)

And there will be a chance to stop and think about that idea.

Then we move on to what God wants us to focus on:

2. A room called More (or Perfect) Grace (13).

That is – heaven.

A chance to chat about what that future means to us.

Then illustrations from toga wearing, being sober not intoxicated with a chance to talk about them.

Then we move onto Holiness with v. 14 and introduce the idea of different roads we can take.

3. Don't head backwards down a road called Evil (14).

There will be a jelly mould picture to illustrate the way we can be moulded badly.

And a chance to pause and think about what moulds us.

Then we see the better road: the one that takes us to the room called More (or Perfect) grace.

4. Head forwards down a road called Holiness (15-16).

We define holiness as being set apart to be different. We think about tools having a purpose they are set apart for. There is a chance to stop and talk about this.

We think about how God is holy and how we imitate him because he is now our Father.

We finish with the thought that 'The Best is Yet to Come.'