

1. What was the most difficult trip you've ever taken? Maybe it was overseas, or in the outdoors? Maybe it was a trip to see family that you hadn't seen in a while? Whatever it was, what things did you discover were necessary for you to pack or to do in order to have a successful trip? How did having the right plan contribute to the "success" of your trip?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:13–21. What more literal translation of "preparing your minds for action" did Andy give in the sermon? How does this, along with sobriety, help a believer to apply the imperative in v13? What reason does Peter give for being ready and sober?
3. How does Peter describe the exiles in v14? How does Peter contrast their former life with their current calling in vv14–15? What Old Testament passage does he quote in v16? Given what we discussed last week, why might Peter have chosen to use this passage to strengthen his exhortation? What reasons does Peter give for being holy?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:17. Why does Peter reference the Father as judge? What should believers expect about the judgment of the Lord? How are they to respond to God in light of what they should expect?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:18–21. Why does Peter end this section with a discussion on the believers being ransomed with the blood of Christ? What does it mean to be ransomed? Why is the blood of Christ essential for believers? What about Christ does the text reveal that makes his blood particularly suitable? What reasons does Peter give for being humble?
6. How does being hopeful, holy, and humble prepare the believer for surviving in exile? Ask God to reveal to you where you lack in these three areas. And thank God for what he's done to prepare you.