



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

# St Mary's Cathedral

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ*

## Living Out Our Living Hope (1 Peter 1:13-2:3)

### Read 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

*While in our English translations it sounds like this passage contains lots of instructions, in fact there are only five. Each is surrounded by truths about God, reminders of what Christ has done for us, and descriptions of who the Spirit is making us to be. The context for each instruction thus provides us with the motivation for obedience.*

### Instruction 1: set your hope (v13)

1. Summarise what we have already learnt about what will be ours when Jesus is revealed (v3-12).
2. How should this affect our hearts and minds?

### Instruction 2: be holy (v14-16)

3. What reasons are given for us to be holy?
4. What changes will this require in our conduct?
5. ***What does holiness in conduct look like in your life?***

### Instruction 3: conduct yourself with fear (v17-21)

6. How is God described in these verses?
7. ***What does the fear of God look like in your life?***

### Instruction 4: love one another (v18-25)

8. What reasons are given for us to love one another?
9. ***How is love for your brothers and sisters in Christ expressed in your life?***

### Instruction 5: long for the pure spiritual milk (2:1-3)

10. Why should we no longer have a taste for the things described in v1?
11. What is the result of being fed by God?
12. ***The neediness of a newborn is a powerful image. How needy do you feel to be fed and sustained by God? How is this expressed in your life?***

Bonus questions if time permits:

1. Note the relationships referenced in this passage (v14,17,22). What is the importance of these relationships to our godly conduct?
2. Why do you think Peter keeps contrasting the perishable treasures of this world with the imperishable things of God? (v7, 18-19, 23)