Study 2
1:13-21

Have you ever set something apart - a budgie at the local pet store; a piece of cake in the fridge (with a sign 'been licked' on it); a shell from the beach, part of the backyard for a cricket pitch or veggie patch? Why did you do it?

Read 1 Peter 1:1-21 and ask 'what is the therefore in verse 13 there for?'

What is the first thing that Peter asks his readers 'to do'? (v13) Why does Peter take 13 verses before he gets to this?

How does Peter contrast the lives of the Christians compared to those around them in verses 14-25?

v.	God's people	The world

In what ways is the word 'holy' being used in verses 15-16 What does it mean to be holy?

What areas of life is Peter asking his readers to classify as 'holy'?

In what ways can we get sucked into worldly thinking? What pressures are asking us to conform?

What are the futile ways of 'our forefathers' that Peter might be referring to in the letter? (note v.18)

> If he were to write to us today what futile things would we be redeemed from that have been handed down to us? In what ways do those around us trying to improve their lives?

What is the motivation for change in this passage?

How does Peter show us the magnitude of what was needed for us to change? (esp 18-20)

> Why was Jesus coming, dying on a cross and being raised to life not God's 'plan B' for humanity?
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> How do some of the descriptions of Jesus match up with our faith from v.7 and God's work described in v.2? What questions does that raise?
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> What kind of response do you have to what God has done?
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> How should it affect our lives?

Prayer:
If you are in a mixed group, this would be a good week to break up into men and women for prayer and to share some of the things that are drawing us away from being called to be holy and to pray for them.