

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Foundations for Holiness

**Lesson 2:** Foundations, Pt. 2

## Foundations, Pt. 3

### 1 Peter 1:18-25

*Both the Old Testament and the New Testament graphic images of God saving His people are indelible and sobering, worthy of our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, i.e., our “fear of the Lord”.*

**Discussion 1. The Bible is filled with scary pictures of God’s supreme power and authority. Which of those images or stories produces in you a proper “fear of the Lord”? Does the crucifixion produce in you a “fear of the Lord”? Why or why not?**

*It was God’s plan from before time began: He would send His Son to die a humiliating death; He would then resurrect His Son and give Him glory...all so that our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ would be in God.*

**Discussion 2. Why does it matter that we understand Jesus’ death/resurrection as God’s plan from the beginning rather than as a “plan B”? If it was merely a contingency plan, what might that say about God?**

*We study doctrines and spiritual disciplines separately as if we can focus on one but not the others; but they do not operate in our lives separately. Rather, they are \_\_\_\_\_ and operate holistically to form us spiritually, much like soil, sunlight, and water to a plant.*

**Discussion 3. Can you think of ways our love for one another might be directly informed by how we understand (and obey) scripture? And vice versa, are there ways our understanding of scripture might be changed because of our love for one another?**

*In a culture where language, ideas, and even morality shift and change at break-neck speed, Christ followers focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word...a plumbline that remains forever.*

**Discussion 4. In light of the fact that God’s Word has been translated and retranslated thousands of times in hundreds of different languages, what does it mean that “the Word of the Lord remains forever”? How does this impact how you study God’s Word?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**