Sermon Discussion Questions: 1 Peter 1:18-21 March 3rd, 2019

1.	What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2.	Why do we often stop hoping for holiness in particular areas of our lives?
3.	1 Peter 1:18 says we were ransomed from the <i>futile ways inherited from our forefathers</i> (a direct reference to family, but could be any group you deeply identified with growing up such as friends). This family/friend way of life we inherited has a strong influence in our lifestyle. These family members or friends not only told us to live this way, but showed us how to live this way through their life example. What are some of those generational patterns of sin that you see passed down from generations in your family or among your friend group growing up?
4.	1 Peter 1:18-19 says that we were ransomed with the precious blood of Jesus like that of a lamb without blemish or spot (referring to the pure sacrifice of animals for forgiveness of sins in the Old Testament Jewish system). Read Hebrews 9:11-14. According to Hebrews 9, why does Jesus' shed blood purify us in a far superior way than the Jewish sacrificial system of animal sacrifice? How does this precious ransom by Jesus free us to serve the living God without fear?
5.	Read 1 Peter 1:20-21. How does the fact that Jesus was foreknown from before the foundation of the world and the fact that he rose again from the dead assure us of our imperishable and eternal forgiveness in Jesus? How might believing this help us persevere in faith and hope when we struggle to pursue holiness?