



Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

CHECK INS: Let's check in with each other; how are we doing folks?

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4.12.26 - *SERMON RECAP:*

This week we continue in our series: Disciples of Jesus- looking at I Peter 2:21-25. We look at the call of the believer in 1 Peter which is to follow Christ example. Christ both Demonstrated our call in his life and Substituted himself in our place so that we can live Empowered and Restored Lives Daily through Christ. We are encouraged to entrust ourselves to God and live righteously in Christ as we cease straying off as lost sheep and return to the shepherd and overseer of our souls. Spending time with God realigns your priorities so that your Soul is no longer captured with the counterfeit hopes of the world but empowered by Christ sacrifice. Take time to read together 1 Peter 2:21-25.

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Peter says we are called to follow Christ in suffering (Vs 21). How does viewing unjust suffering as a calling challenge your usual perspective on hardship? How have you in the past dealt with unjust suffering?
2. *Demonstration without Substitution becomes a liberal works-based religion of events and activities Lacking HEART CHANGE. Substitution without Demonstration becomes a conservative isolated religious holy-buddle Lacking LIFE CHANGE.* Which one (demonstration or substitution) do you personally tend to emphasize more, and why might holding both together matter for real life and heart change?
3. Jesus did not retaliate or threaten but entrusted Himself to God who judges justly (vv. 22–23). What does “entrusting yourself to God” look like practically when you feel wronged or treated unfairly?
4. Consider the self-help culture of our society, and how an empowered life for the believer flows from Christ Sacrifice and not personal success. How does this idea of empowerment from Christ differ from our cultures definition of empowered living?
5. Verse 24 connects healing with Christ bearing our sins. Where do you most feel the brokenness of sin in your daily life, and how does the gospel speak healing into that area? How can we come alongside each other in areas of weakness or struggle?
6. Read Isaiah 53:5-6: Peter and Isaiah say we were straying like sheep, Peter reminds that we have now returned to the Shepherd (v. 25). What are some ways people try to “self-restore” or “self-empower” instead of staying close to or returning to the Shepherd? Read Ps 23 as an encouragement of what fellowship with the Lord looks like.
7. Have you experienced a time where God reshaped what you value, worry about, or pursue?
8. The challenge was to identify moments this week when you don't feel empowered or restored and bring them to God in prayer. What rhythms or habits could help you consistently reflect, repent, and entrust yourself to God?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

