



# 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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## 5.10.26 - *SERMON RECAP:*

This week we continue in our series: Disciples of Jesus- looking at I Peter 3:8-12. As followers of Jesus one of our greatest evangelical tools to proclaim the good news and be salt and light among the world- is through simply sharing our story. Our story(s) of how God has worked in our lives. How God made a way in our lives when it seemed that there was not a way through a hard situation or circumstance. Our story(s) of how God brought healing and restoration when we didn't know how or when we'd get through it. God continues to be faithfully working in our lives, and these stories can and must be proclaimed and shared to the people around us. Read 1 Peter 3:13-17 together, and chat through these questions to dig deeper into the Ways of Jesus' Kingdom...

## *DIGGING DEEPER:*

1. In this passage Peter encourages us to always be ready to give a defense of the hope we have in Jesus. Hope for each and every day- as well as the hope we have for eternity. Many times we think that 'giving a defense' is only talking about apologetic type of defending the reality of God and/or proving that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead, or that the Word of God is without error. Yet Peter is saying so much more...
2. Each of us who have come to faith in Jesus Christ, and now follow Him as our king- each of us have stories of how God was/is faithful to us in our everyday lives. At HVC we believe that its **THESE STORIES**, when God did a work in and among us, that actually is 'the defense' Peter is beckoning believers to consider as 'the reason for our hope' that we defend.
3. Many times, unfortunately, we miss the simple beauty and power that is present when we simply declare the ways God has worked in our personal lives, and do so unashamed before our neighbors, co-workers, and greater community.
4. So today... We are going to practice... First to recall a time where God worked in an amazing way in our lives, and then to rehearse our story to each other.
5. So first, let take a few minutes to reflect, pray and remember a time when God was faithful to us personally. Lets take a few minutes right now to consider this and be ready to share.
6. Now lets take turns, each of us, and declare our story of how God worked. Take time right now to share these stories in the group to the group.
7. And here comes the FUN part... Now pause and take another moment for each of us to think of a co-worker, or neighbor, or family friend (anyone really!) who God may bring to your mind- and consider how you might tell them, at some point, about your God story in the next 2 weeks.

## How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?

 Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement 

 Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication 