



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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5.17.26 - *SERMON RECAP:*

This week we continue in our series: Disciples of Jesus—looking at 1 Peter 3:18-22. The question was asked: how do we handle hard moments or suffering in our lives? It's an important question because we face suffering on a daily basis. As Peter has been walking these early believers through suffering, we come alongside them and we get to be challenged with the reality of whether we are mindfully suffering or if we are dreading our suffering. Peter pauses in the letter to help believers renew their perspective that Christ suffered, and he is rejoicing in the fact that we have access to God. This sacrifice of Christ will one day end all suffering and that is what we hope in.

Read 1 Peter 3:18-22 together and consider more how we are renewing and rejoicing with Christ...

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Suffering will always be present in our lives and in the lives of those we love. How does this passage (1 Peter 3:18-22) help you deal with suffering?
2. Think about the question "How do you get through tough moments?" What is your natural tendency when you suffer (avoidance, control, comfort-seeking, isolation)? Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11: How might we trust God and help each other in suffering?
3. What truths about Christ's suffering (1 Peter 3:18) help renew your perspective during trials? How does remembering your identity as a child of God renew your mind in the midst of suffering?
4. Read 1 John 1:5-10: How does confession and repentance help to "lift your gaze back to Christ" in everyday life? Why is repentance still important even when suffering isn't directly caused by your sin?
5. The passage (vs. 19–20) reminds us that not everything is easy to understand. How do you respond when Scripture—or your circumstances—don't make sense? Read Isaiah 55:8-9.
6. Read Colossians 3:12-17: What does Paul say is our identity? How often do you intentionally celebrate your identity as a holy, sanctified, and forgiven child of God? What practical habits could help you "live out" this celebration daily?
7. Look back to 1 Peter 3, what do you think verses 21 and 22 have to do with our suffering? Why does knowing that Jesus is at God's right hand help us when suffering occurs?
8. Read Philippians 4:4-8: How might we rejoice more in suffering and resist the urge to dread it?
9. As we consider suffering, it can be tempting to go it alone and figure it out ourselves. What is keeping you from sharing honestly with others and inviting God's community (the body) into your struggles? Read Hebrews 10:23-25: Why is the community of God important?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

