



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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5.24.26 - SERMON RECAP:

This week we continue in our series: Disciples of Jesus—looking at 1 Peter 4:1-7. Peter reminds believers that life is short, eternity is real, and the return of Christ is drawing near. Because time is of the essence, disciples of Jesus are called to loosen their grip on self, cling to the will of God, and embody Kingdom living together as people embraced by the King. Read 1 Peter 4:1-7 together and consider more how we are renewing and rejoicing with Christ...

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Read: I Peter 4:1; Philippians 2:5–8. Peter uses the language of warfare—“arm yourselves.” Why do you think following Jesus requires a battle mindset?
2. What area of your life currently feels like a battle between your will and God's will?
3. Read: I Peter 4:1–2; Romans 5:3–5. Suffering is something God uses to loosen our grip on self. How have difficult seasons shaped your dependence on God? What suffering or challenge might God currently be using to deepen your trust in Him?
4. Why is it so hard for us to surrender control and cling to the will of God?
5. What are you “white-knuckling” right now that God may be asking you to release?
6. Peter contrasts living for human passions versus the will of God. How can we recognize when our lives are being driven more by self than by Christ? What practical habits help you stay aligned with God's desires rather than your own impulses?
7. Read: I Peter 4:3; John 4:13–14. Peter says “the time that is past suffices” for living in sin. Why do worldly pleasures continually fail to satisfy the human heart? Where are you tempted to look for satisfaction apart from Jesus?
8. Read: I Peter 4:3–4; Matthew 5:13–16. How might your life look noticeably different if you consistently lived out Kingdom values?
9. Peter says people may be surprised or even hostile when believers no longer join in sinful living. Why does faithful obedience sometimes create tension with others?
10. Have you ever experienced misunderstanding, ridicule, or rejection because of your faith?
11. Read: I Peter 4:5; II Corinthians 5:10. How should the reality that Jesus is the Judge of the living and the dead shape the way we live today? What changes when you remember that your life is ultimately accountable to Christ?
12. Sunday's sermon emphasized that believers are held securely in the King's embrace, even through suffering or death. Why is this truth so important for enduring hardship faithfully?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

