

GETTING STARTED:

- 1) What's the problem or dangers with daily living by "what works" ... (by pragmatism)? An example?
- 2) Share a life example of "doing the right thing" resulted in some negative consequences?

MESSAGE BIG IDEA: All Things New: When It Works Until It Doesn't

MAIN SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 3:13-22;

DISCUSSION

- 1) How do "fear" and "hope" reveal our core values or "focus", based on Brian Gorman's message? An example?
- 2) What does the Isaiah passage (**Isaiah 8:10-14**) reveal about where our confidence should be placed?
- 3) What's the problem with placing hope in forces like human strength/intelligence, government, or finances?
- 4) Based on 1 Peter, how are our consciences made clear so we can "sleep at night" despite our failures?

DIG DEEPER

- 1) How does the symbolism of God "cleansing" the world with water relate to you personally?
- 2) What is your answer to Peter's admonition in 1 Peter 3:15, "to give the reason for the hope you have"?
- 3) How does Jesus satisfy what God wanted in order to "bring" us to Himself? Why did Peter mention Noah in connection to this?

BRING IT HOME

- 1) How can you balance what you could lose on earth with what you gain in Jesus Christ? Consider career, possessions, and relationships.
- 2) What have you done based on your faith that did not make "common sense" to others, but is sensible to you?

ASK FOR GOD'S HELP

- 1) How can we pray to help you focus your hopes and fears on Jesus Christ?
- 2) How can we pray that you could "make an appeal to God for a clear conscience?" When will it be, is, or is it time for you to go the whole way and be immersed into Christ?