

Sermon: Armed with the Same Purpose, 1 Peter 4:1-6 .

This week's sermon talking points:

1. **As a follower of Christ, you have a defined trajectory.**
2. **When we willingly accept awkwardness of our views, it confirms that sin is no longer master over us.**
3. **Legalism isn't a change of heart, rather it's just compliance.**
4. **Ultimately, negative commands can never serve as end goals. It cannot define what an outcome is to be, only what it is NOT to be.**
5. **The absence or avoidance of one element does not necessarily then clearly communicate the pursuit of another. Just because we know what not to do, doesn't mean we know what to do.**
6. **What does Scripture call us to do?**
 1. **Love God.** Know God by abiding in His Word. (Reading Plan... it's the start of July!)
 2. **Love others,** making His Word known to them.Summed up in these are: worship, discipleship, fellowship, service and evangelism.
7. **We do not define the expression of our faith- we are called to submit to it.**
8. **Maturity in Christ is not marked by a tolerance for sin, but an ever increasing acute aversion to it.**
9. **Everything we do is to be lived in light of revelation.**
10. **As a follower of Christ, you understand that there is a defined expectation and anticipation of the future.**
11. **In the way we choose what, how, when, and where to invest ourselves, it is our prayer that we might speak to the why that motivates it all.**

Questions:

1. **Why is knowing and remaining on a defined trajectory important? What can happen when we don't?**
2. **Freedom from sin is evidenced by its lack of power over our behavior. In your battles with sin, have there ever been those moments of victory where you've come to realize that you are not controlled any more by a particular sin?**
3. **Why is legalism so alluring and yet so dangerous to the Christian?**
4. **Being against something doesn't expressly imply you are for its opposite. Why not? How do you balance being against some things but for other things.**
5. **How is your abiding with Christ this week going? What victories, treasures, words of life have you experienced as you've spent time with Him?**
6. **What sins do we have a tendency to tolerate? Which are you even hesitant to mention because we tolerate them so widely? How have you seen God work in your life in relation to these or other sins to bring you into an acute awareness of areas, actions, words, etc. that you have needed to address, repent of, and abandon in order to more closely follow Christ?**
7. **How have you been able to live out the event of the past week with a perspective of eternity? Where have you gotten lost in the weeds of life and lost that focus this week?**
8. **Knowing the gospel is the only way, and realizing the imminent reality facing everyone around you, how do you "preach the gospel" even to those who are spiritually dead?**
9. **What is the best "why" that defines what things you do and say?**
10. **What was one of the biggest thing that stuck with you from the service this weekend?**