

Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



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Sermon Series: Who Are You?
Sermon Title: Explain Who You Are
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 3:8-16

Bottom Line

We must be ready to share our personal hope in our personal Savior, Jesus.

Scripture

1 Peter 3:8-16

8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For,

*“Whoever would love life
and see good days
must keep their tongue from evil
and their lips from deceitful speech.
11 They must turn from evil and do good;
they must seek peace and pursue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”*

*13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”
15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Start

Pastor Heather began her sermon this week talking about a missed opportunity from her childhood as it related to sharing the reason for her joy. It may not be fun to think back upon missed opportunities, but what are some of the missed opportunities that you have had in your life? What are some opportunities that you took on that you are grateful for today?

Let's Talk

1. Read 1 Peter 3:8-9. Look at the list of instructions that Peter gives us in these verses. Why do you think that the Holy Spirit inspired Peter to write these particular words? How are Christians who exhibit these characteristics a gift to this world? What happens when we choose to live in a different manner than Peter instructs us to in these verses?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:10-12. What do these verses teach us about God? How should that knowledge about God impact the way that we live?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:13-16. Peter talks about suffering here. Have you ever suffered for your faith? How did it feel? Why do you think Peter could so confidently write that we need not fear when we suffer for doing what is right? How can we live our lives in such a way that we are prepared to share the hope of Christ with others?
4. Acts 2 is one of the most important chapters in the Bible. It describes the coming of the Promised Holy Spirit. Read verses 2-13. What was unusual about this day? How did the crowds react?
5. Read Acts 2:14-41. Pastor Heather explained that Peter used this opportunity to give the big answer for his hope in Jesus and the personal answer for his faith in Jesus. Search this passage for examples of how Peter explained the big answer to the hope that he has in Jesus and the personal answer for the hope that he has in Jesus.
6. Heather quoted Joshua 1:8 as an example of one of the ways that we can be ready to share our faith. Read that verse as a group. What insight does this verse give us? How do Joshua 1:9 (the next verse) and Matthew 28:18-20 (where Jesus gives us the Great Commission) complement each other? What truth do we see about the Lord in both of these verses?
7. Heather talked about the importance of sharing our personal answer for the faith that we have. It's about how we have seen God work in our lives. She said, "In my 47 years of living, I have found that some may try to argue with the Big answer of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, but they cannot argue with your Personal answer because it is yours. It is real. It shows the impact God has had on your life." How have the stories of the faith of people in your LifeGroup helped strengthen your own faith?

