

**A LIVING HOPE**  
**1 PETER SERMON SERIES**

**SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 3:8-22** // <sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." <sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**Sharing in Christ's Victory**

**1 Peter 3:8-22**

How do you share in Christ's victory

I. Christ's victory

- A. The victory of his suffering (v. 18)
- B. The victory of his resurrection (vv. 19-22)

II. Sharing in Christ's victory

- A. Returning blessing for insult (vv. 8-12, Ps. 34)
- B. Suffering without fear (vv. 13-17)
- C. Sharing the hope that is in you (v. 15)

**APPLICATION GUIDE**

1. Why is it important to see Peter's commands in this passage as the way to share in Christ's victory? What happens when these commands are divorced from Christ's victory?
2. What makes it so hard to return blessing for insult? What opportunities do you have to bless an adversary?
3. Do you view suffering as the opposite of blessing? How does this passage challenge your view of suffering?
4. What about your life demands a gospel explanation? What opportunities do you have to share the hope of Christ that is in you?

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

## What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community.

## How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs. Typically, our groups take time off during the months of June and July. If you are interested in joining a group, fill out our online connect card ([www.christchurcheast.org/connectwithus](http://www.christchurcheast.org/connectwithus)).

## COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // JULY 20 - 26

| Day   | Date    | Read                           |
|-------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Mon   | 7/20/20 | 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Psalm 97     |
| Tues  | 7/21/20 | 1 Timothy 3:14-4:16, Psalm 98  |
| Wed   | 7/22/20 | 1 Timothy 5:1-6:2b, Psalm 99   |
| Thurs | 7/23/20 | 1 Timothy 6:2c-21, Psalm 100   |
| Fri   | 7/24/20 | 2 Timothy 1:1-2:13, Psalm 101  |
| Sat   | 7/25/20 | 2 Timothy 2:14-3:9, Psalm 102  |
| Sun   | 7/26/20 | 2 Timothy 3:10-4:22, Psalm 103 |