

The Gospel Prepares Us for Anything 1 Peter 3:1-12

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PEOPLE OF PURPOSE
IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

Few things are more intimidating to Christians than evangelism. Which is sad and ironic. The word that means “good news” often lands on our hearts as bad news, especially when we’re reminded of our calling to share it. But what we often fail to see is how the gospel itself prepares us to share the gospel. Who Christ is to us and who we are in him—along with the awesome, epic storyline we’re all involved in—makes both preparation and game-day execution much easier. Especially if we do it together.

Read 1 Peter 3:13-22, then discuss:

1. Have you ever shared your faith or spoken a word for God with an unbeliever? Tell the story. How did it go?
2. Would you say that you are basically bold and open about your faith? Why or why not? What would help you to become more so?
3. What’s the worst- and best-case scenarios you can think of in openly sharing your faith?
4. When you consider the potential of suffering for your faith, how does that make you feel? What in this text encourages you despite the possibility of suffering?
5. What do you make of the “Noah” section of this passage? Did the sermon help you understand it? Would someone want to take a run at re-explaining it to us?
6. Peter instructs us to be prepared to give an answer, or make a defense, of our hope in God if anyone asks.
 - Do you think that means we should always wait to be asked? What is the wisdom of waiting? When is waiting just an excuse not to speak?
 - What about the idea of wisely “going there” even if we’re not asked? We don’t like canned approaches to sharing the gospel—we want it to be natural and organic—but have you found any approaches or conversation starters that feel right for you?
 - What if we took, the simple prayer challenge seriously: to pray for unbelievers—and ourselves—every day. How do you feel about that? What do you expect would happen?
7. What’s one bottom-line takeaway for you in this passage of Scripture?