

“You don’t really know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.” —Tim Keller

WELCOME

This week we continue to explore Peter’s exhortations about living out a confident faith in the midst of opposition. As you gather this week, discuss one or both questions:

- As a child, what can you remember fighting about on family trips?
- Think about a time someone commented about or asked about your Christian faith. What did they say? How did the conversation go?

WORD

Read **1 Peter 3:13-17**

1. What stood out to you in the scripture? In the sermon this past Sunday?
2. Peter encourages at the beginning of this chapter to not be frightened (3:14). Why does Peter assume that fear might be an issue for them?
3. Peter says they should be prepared to give “the reason for the hope’ that they have (3:15). What reasons for hope do you think Peter has in mind? What reasons for hope would you give if someone asked you?
4. What fears motivate people today? What fears effect our relationships? How does following Jesus confront those fears?
5. What hope does Christ’s life, death, and resurrection provide? How does the example of Christ encourage those who suffer?
6. How do you respond to verse 17? Would you rather suffer for doing good or than doing whatever it takes to not suffer? Why?

WORSHIP

1. Think about one person that isn’t a Christian, someone God would like you to pray for, love, and be a witness to of the hope you have in Christ. Pray for those people together.
2. Thank God for each other and God’s grace in Jesus Christ.
3. Pray for each other for their needs and those virtues they would like to develop.
4. Pray for the larger needs around you and the ways God is working around the world.

WITNESS

What situation in your life seemed hopeless to you until God brought hope? What is one way that you can bring hope into a hopeless situation this week?

SERMON NOTES: