

About Eagle Christian Church

As a Christian church we do not claim to be the only Christians, or the only church, but we seek simply to be known as Christians without a denominational label. We do not see ourselves as better than anyone else, but as a group of Christian people dedicated to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We seek the unity of all people on the basis of confession and commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord. Our hope is to unite all Christians under the authority of Jesus Christ and pattern our lives after the Word of God.

Thank you for joining us for this informal time of worship and Bible study as we grow together in Christ.

We Believe

- That Jesus is God's Son and our Savior.
- That the Bible is the inspired Word of God.
- In the physical death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- That we are saved by grace through faith and there is nothing one can do to save himself.
- That God exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- In baptism by immersion for penitent believers.
- In the second coming of Christ.



Reaching the Treasure Valley for Christ

We are one Church with four locations across the Treasure Valley

- Central Valley — *Jason Carr, Campus Minister*
- Surprise Valley — *Randy Bourn, Campus Minister*
- West Valley — *Josh Austin, Campus Minister*
- Kuna — *Justin Sturgeon, Campus Minister*

Visit www.eaglechristianchurch.com for campus locations

Mailing address for all campuses:

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P: 208-286-0879 | Office Hours: M–Th 9 am–5 pm | F 9 am–4 pm

Preparing to Worship

- Please silence electronic devices as you enter the service.
- If you would like more information about Eagle Christian Church, please stop at the Connection Center. If you are here for the first time, we have a free gift for you, also available at the Connection Center.
- Please fill out the enclosed Connection Card to indicate your presence and communicate prayer needs or comments.
- Do you need to pray with someone? At the end of each service, members of our staff and prayer team are at the front of the stage to pray with you.



When Persecution Strikes — April 23 & 24, 2022

Celebration of Praise and Worship

Join us as we enter God's presence and celebrate His goodness.

Communion

If you have chosen to follow Christ, please join us as we remember Christ's sacrifice for our sins.

Celebration of Giving

This portion of the service is for our church family. Please place your offering and Connection Cards in the baskets at the entrance doors of the Worship Center. If you don't normally attend, please do not feel obligated to participate.

Spiritual Commitment

We invite you to examine your life and make a personal commitment to the Lord. At the closing, staff, and members of our prayer team will be at the front of the stage to pray with you.

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:10 (ESV)

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.



Group Questions

When Persecution Strikes—I Peter 1:1

How dispersed is your extended family? How often does everyone get together?

1. On a separate piece of paper, create a list of what we know about Peter from the following New Testament scriptures.
I Peter 1:1; Matthew 4:18–20; Luke 5:1–11; 9:28–36; Matthew 14:25–32; 16:13–20; 26:1–34; John 13:6–9; Acts 2; 4:13; 10:9–16; 10:44–48
2. What kinds of things were going on in the Roman world at the time this letter was written? (See I Peter 1:6; 2:19; 3:13–17; 4:12–16)
3. How difficult do you think it was to be a Christian living in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero?
4. What similarities do you see between Rome at this time and what is happening in our world today?

Read I Peter 3:8–14

5. How difficult is it to suffer for doing the right thing? How have you experienced this in your own life?
6. What can happen in the life of a Christian when they suffer unjust persecution because of their faith in Christ? How might persecution cause the Church to grow?

Read Matthew 5:10–12; 24:9 and John 15:20

7. When you think about persecution in your own life, is your goal to avoid persecution or to be prepared to endure it?

Review

8. What can you do this week to better prepare yourself for future persecution?

Next Steps

- I am so thankful for the hope and assurance we have in Christ Jesus.
- I will read I Peter in its entirety and find all the uses of suffer, suffered, and suffering(s)
- When persecution happens, my goal will not be to avoid it, but shine through it.



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together. — Dr. Steven A. Crane

When Persecution Strikes — I Peter 1:1

1. The Setting of the Early Church

2. The Writing and Recipients

3. The Purpose of I Peter

Application