

The Pilgrim's Way

Introduction: Priming the pump for tonight's discussion.

Let's begin with our own observations. Was there a moment where God spoke to you, showed you something new, or reminded you of a familiar truth through the message this week?

Exploration: Questions to guide our group discussion.

1. Pastor Mark discussed our temporary residence here on earth (v.1-2, Philippians 3:17-4:1). He emphasized Scripture to OWN IT. What does Peter and Paul mean by being a pilgrim? How does God's Riches At Christ Expense (GRACE) change the Christ's follower view on this side of Eternity?
2. God is the God of the living... a living hope. When the Christian's mind is on Heaven, how does it affect your Worldview? Pastor Mark said put Hope in Heaven, You'll be more Earthly Good, what does that look like in your sphere of influence? (v. 3-5)

3. Will trials go away after you accept Christ? Explain how v. 6-9 affects your walk on earth. (Think refining)
4. Christians are called to testify about Jesus. V. 10-12 indicate how the prophets pointed to Christ for the audience Peter was writing to. Although at times it may seem our testimony may not affect those around us, how can these verses encourage you to press on?

Additional Scriptures for Deeper Study:

- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- John 11:25-26 (resurrection and the life)
- John 14:1-6

Application: How can I apply this to my life this week?

1. How do you have a Maranatha mindset?
2. This life is temporary, what trial are you facing that you must give to the Lord?