

Connection

When is the last time you went to an amusement park and what was the occasion?

Content 1 Peter 3:13-22

As Christians we will experience suffering and challenges, but we know with the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been saved and Christ is with us.

Suffering Is Normal

Peter starts out by explaining to us in 1 Peter 1:6 that we will suffer trials of all kinds.

1. Suffering is normal. What does that mean to you?

2. Jonah, Joseph and Job are three examples of those who experienced suffering. What stands out to you about these three stories, and what similarities do they share?

Jesus Is Good

Read 1 Peter 3:13-15.

In the suffering we face, we need to always be prepared to share the hope we have in Christ.

3. How would you answer the question of "how are you so hopeful?" in the midst of the suffering or challenges you face?

Read 1 Peter 3:16-18a.

4. Why is Peter reminding us of how important it is to keep a clear conscience while we face challenges or slander from others?

Christ Declares Victory

Read 1 Peter 3:18-22.

5. Christ's victory over death has saved us from our own sin and has given us victory that we are called to declare. What are examples of how you declare Christ in your life to others?

6. Suffering isn't the end of our story. With Christ's victory, we have hope because in all challenges and obstacles that come our way, we know Jesus is with us and for us. When have you leaned on your hope in Christ during your suffering?

Commitment

In closing, read 1 Peter 3:10-12.

7. How can your story be used to bring glory to God this week?

Put to memory this week:

1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you
to give the reason for the hope that you have.
But do this with gentleness and respect..."