

Connection

What is your favorite holiday and why?

Content 1 Peter 4:1-11

As Christians we need to prepare ourselves for the suffering we will face.

**Our time on earth is short and we will face suffering,
trials and even persecution for our faith.**

How can we, therefore, arm ourselves in Him so we stand firm in our faith?

Arm Yourself

Peter starts out by explaining to us in 1 Peter 4:1-2 that since Christ suffered for us in the body, we too must arm ourselves with the same attitude he maintained.

1. What does Peter mean by “arm ourselves with the same attitude”?

2. Read Acts 14:22. Why would Paul and Barnabas be concerned with telling fellow believers about suffering?

3. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. This passage is known as “The Armor of God” and tells us how we are to arm ourselves in Christ. What piece of armor is speaking to you now as something to grow in?

Read 1 Peter 4:3-7.

4. As a disciple of Christ, why is having a break from our former lives such an important part of our walk? Look to what Jesus says in Matthew 16:24.

5. Paul says in Romans 2:6-7a "He will pay all people back for what they have done. He will give everlasting life to those who search for glory, honor, and immortality by persisting in doing what is good." Our time on earth is short. What is something you can see that is taking away from your walk with Christ that you would wish to break away from?

Love Each Other Deeply

Read 1 Peter 4:8-11.

6. Peter says, "above all, love each other deeply." Where else in Scripture have you seen love expressed like this? Why is understanding love so important to the Christian life?

7. Read Colossians 3:12-14. How are these verses similar to the "Armor of God"? How have you experienced love that "binds them together in perfect unity" in your life?

Commitment

In closing, read Matthew 6:14.

8. This week, reflect on the forgiveness you have from God with Christ in your life. How can you forgive others as God has forgiven you?

Put to memory this week:

1 Peter 4:8

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."