



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Hopefull: Of Past and Present

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-6

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1. Let's review the time we spend each day. How much time in a typical day do you spend on your job? With your family? With God? Sleeping? In recreation? Doing other things like watching TV?
2. Let's read 1 Peter 4:1-6. How can we make the most of "the rest of the time in the flesh" (1 Peter 4:2)?
3. The theme of how "Christ suffered in the flesh" (1 Peter 4:1) continues as our new chapter begins. Easter is not reserved to Sunday but is a series of resurrection appearances over 40 days (Acts 1:3). Why does Peter begin this section in this way? How can we continue to live "Easter Sunday" lives?
4. How does our perspective of suffering and faithfulness to God help us to "cease to sin" (1 Peter 4:1)? Do you believe it is possible to no longer sin? Why or why not? [Note: let's distinguish between views that are our own and Biblical views/perspectives]
5. Why is it necessary to have a militant attitude towards sin ("arm yourselves with the same way of thinking" in 1 Peter 4:1)? How has this been the attitude you have held or how your attitude needs to change?
6. Are you able to distinguish between a change in your behavior before Christ and your behavior since following Jesus? What is the most notable difference?
7. Peter tells us that non-Christians should be "surprised when you do not join them" (1 Peter 4:4). Has this happened to you? How did others respond and what did you say?
8. In 1 Peter 3:20-22, Peter makes a comparison between Noah, the flood, believers, and baptism. This analogy continues when he uses the phrase, "flood of debauchery" (1 Peter 4:4) to describe culture. How do these two descriptions relate to one another?
9. If we are living in a flood of debauchery, what is the proverbial ark that we should construct to preserve ourselves against it? How can we use this to serve those around us?
10. Some believe that judgment only occurs in this life. Peter says, "they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead" (1 Peter 4:5). Is the judgment of God motivating or fear inducing for you?