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Sharing Your Hope

“Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.

Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

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1 Peter 3:13-22

Lessons for Witnessing in Troubled Times

1. They can _____ you they cannot _____ you

2. _____ is equal _____

3. Practice the habits of _____

4. Count the _____ and pre-_____

5. Jesus has _____ and He’ll get us _____

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Invite Jesus to by my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize 1 Peter 3:15
- Ask God to stir within me an eagerness to do good whenever the opportunity is presented
- Count the costs and pre-commit to share the source of my hope with whomever God places in my path
- Get the most out of today’s message by attending my Life Group





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3. Practice the habits of staying ready

4. Count the cost and pre-commit

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Discussion Questions - Week #5

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Sharing Your Hope", summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- This weekend we looked at one of the more difficult-to-understand passages in scripture. What other passages have you found confusing or hard to make sense of?
- Our passage from 1 Peter this weekend discussed those eager to do good. Who is someone in your life who continually demonstrates an eagerness to do good?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Luke 6:27-36. What stands out to you?

How does this passage connect with what we heard from 1 Peter in the message?

What do you think loving and doing good to our enemies looks like today?

Is "loving your enemies" the same as "doing what they want you to do"? Why, or why not?

Is there someone that God is challenging you to love in this season of your life?

Can you think of any small acts of goodness you could begin performing regularly?

2. In the message this weekend Pastor Andrew shared that to be an effective witness, we need to count the cost and pre-commit. Read Jesus' words about counting the cost in Luke 14:25-35. Why do you think Jesus portrays a life of discipleship in such stark terms?

How does Jesus' definition of discipleship compare or contrast with how most contemporary Christians would define it?

What does Jesus mean by "carry their cross," and, specifically, what does carrying your cross entail for you?

What has it cost you to follow Christ?

What is the connection between carrying our cross and being a witness for Jesus?

FOR PRACTICE

Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost Sunday. Set aside time this week to prayerfully reflect on John 14:15-31 and Acts 2. As you read these passages, consider the difference the Holy Spirit has made in your life. Then offer God praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of the Spirit and ask him to show you the areas in your life where you are resistant to his leading and to give you the ability to surrender.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for peace in Sudan. According to World Vision, roughly one-third of the population will require some form of humanitarian aid in 2023. Due to the conflict and insecurity, estimates suggest 6.2 million people are already experiencing crisis levels of food insecurity and 1.5 million people are currently on the brink of famine." Please pray for God's provision and protection for children, families, and communities forced to endure the ongoing conflict.