

Life Group Notes

Sunday 20th March 2022

Speaker: Tex Chettiar

Title: 1 Peter: Living like Christ

Passage: 1 Peter 4:1-11

This week Tex continued our sermon series in 1 Peter. In the previous week, Clayton reminded us that we are able to find hope in the midst of our suffering. This week Tex continues to look at the idea of suffering, but from a perspective of it being a sense of mission for the glory of God. The main point was that as Christians, our aim should be to have our lives look more like Christ's. Tex looked at three points as to how we can live like Christ.

Read passage: 1 Peter 4:1-11

1. Living as Christ lived (v1)

In the opening verse, we see that Christ suffered and as a result, our lives should look similar. Peter is reminding the hearers of the passage that they should not be surprised when suffering comes, since that is what Christ's life looked like.

Peter is not glorifying suffering, but instead saying to us that as we pursue Jesus, we should be willing to suffer for the sake of the gospel. He is showing us we need to live as Christ lived. We cannot pick and choose what our lives look like as we follow Jesus.

2. Living as a light (v2-6)

Peter then continues to look at how we are to live different lives as we follow Jesus. In this section of the passage, we see that as we live differently to the culture around us, it will cost us. However, in the grand scheme of 1 Peter this new way of living is to be a light to those around us. One of the most important elements we see throughout the entire book of 1 Peter, is that we are to show God to others with gentleness.

3. Living for others (v7-11)

As Peter ends this section of the passage, he begins to root all that he's spoken about in practical terms. He mentions loving one another (see 1 John 3:16, for what Peter is referring to when he says we are to love one another); being hospitable; and serving one another. Peter reminds us, that we do all of this only by the strength that God gives us (v11).

Questions:

1. What does it look like for me to suffer for Christ?
2. How can you ensure that suffering for Christ does not become an excuse to stop doing good and responding to injustice in your world?
3. What gifts do I have and how can I use it to serve the people around me?
4. How can I apply what I learnt this week?