

LESSON PREP

In chapter 3-5 Peter will begin to speak on our testimony and how important it is to live above reproach even in a season of hardships. Peter will also instruct us on what to do as a community toward each other and living for God.

INTRODUCTION

The following video by The Bible Project gives a great overview of the book of 1 Peter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhP7AZQlzCg&t=2s>

1 Peter 3:3-6

- Why is it important to make sure that Jesus has our hearts while we endure hardships?
- Should the maintenance of our hearts toward Jesus be a focus during hardships?

1 Peter 3:8-20

- Verse 8 says to be like-minded. We should be in harmony as a community, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. What are some practical examples of what that looks like in your own personal life?
- What does Peter mean from verse 15? Why do we need to give reason?
- Should our experiences be giving us reason for God or should it be scripture?

1 Peter 4:1-8

- What are some of the things we should arm ourselves with to prepare for hardships or suffering?
- How does verse 2 come against a life of self-service (life being all about us)?
- What is the link between being sober and being able to pray?
- Does verse 8 tell us to direct our attention to ourselves or to others?

1 Peter 4:19

- “God is not so worried about calming the storm, but sometimes he wants to calm the child in the storm.” What do you make of that quote in relation to verse 19.

1 Peter 5:1-5

- Who is God’s flock?
- Is it hard to be a shepherd of other people? How?
- Sheep are held accountable by their shepherd. Why do we need to be held accountable in our lives?

APPLICATION

1 Peter 3:15 describes the word Apologetics. Challenge your people to research the word “Apologetics.” Come back with something to share about what you learned.

Resources:

What is Apologetics? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKUQ8D9zY5k>

Ravi Zacharias <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3kM6Rax1AU>

What is Apologetics? <https://www.rzim.org/page/faq-what-is-apologetics>

