

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Gospel-Week 3

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15, ESV).

OPENING PRAYER TIME

Now more than ever we need to be living with a Spirit of courage and strength and be ready to share our testimony with all those we know and love, and even more important is that we live out our faith in Jesus Christ. Pray today that God would give you that strength and courage!

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION(S)

1. What is it that causes you fear so that you are unable to share your faith with someone? Is it easier to share your faith with words or in the way you live your life? Shouldn't we be doing both?

SERMON/BIBLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2. Read **1 Peter 3:8-17** together and S.O.A.P.
3. What does it mean for us as Christ followers to live out our faith, and how do we learn to do this?
4. What does Peter mean when he says, "Honor Christ the Lord as holy"?
5. How can I, a sinner, live a life that is worthy of the gospel of Christ? What if I mess up, or what if I don't know what to say or how to act? I am not perfect!
6. **1 Peter 3:15** tells us to "always be prepared to make a defense." How can we be better prepared to share the hope that we have in Jesus with others, and why is it important to be prepared? Does that really matter? What if we don't have all the answers?
7. What is so important about sharing our story and what God has done for us? Isn't it more important to know all the facts about the Bible? Why is our story so important, and why should our story line up with the way we live our lives?
8. What does the word apologia mean? When does "Apologetics" come into play and why is this also important for Christ followers?
9. The end of **1 Peter 3:15** says, "**Yet do it with gentleness and respect.**" Why is this so important and what are so examples from scripture that prove how important this really is? What about our own lives? How did some of the Jewish leaders, scribes and teachers live out their faith, and how did that work out?
10. Pastor Nate said that, "The Gospel is Not about a debate between opposing views But the discovery of truth and Hope." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Have you ever been in a debate with someone about your faith? How did it go? Share your experiences together?

ACTION STEPS:

- Am I living in such a way that others can see the hope that is in me? An overflow of my relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Am I living in such a way that I am always ready- connected to Christ and eager to share my story and His story?

CLOSING PRAY TIME TOGETHER

I know that you are probably not meeting together as a group at this time but maybe you are meeting over Skype or Facetime or one of the many other ways but I encourage you to stay connected together and be creative. Continue to pray for one another, seeking His guidance and wisdom during this very trying and difficult time.