

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is our lifestyle so important when trying to lead others to Christ?
2. Why does Satan love it when Christians are fighting among themselves?
3. What does it mean that lifestyle is not enough to lead others to Christ?
4. Where do we start in sharing Christ with others?
5. Why is being in a Bible study important in being able to provide a defense for what we believe?
6. What stands out to you as the main reason you believe in the Gospel of Christ?
7. What is needed for you to be ready to give others a reason for your hope in Christ? (Lifestyle changes? More Bible knowledge? Write out your personal testimony?)

Answers to fill in the blanks:
1. BLESSES A. LIFESTYLE 1) PURPOSE, TRUTH 2) EMOTIONALLY 3) FAMILY 4)
HURTING 5) CENTERED 6) REVENGE B. WORDS, CHOICES 1) MOUTHS 2) RIGHT
2. DEFEND A. APOLOGIA B. APOLOGIZE 1) 1 2) GOSPEL 3) KEEPING 4) RELIGION
3. CHANGES A. 1) SINLESS, ALL 2) RESURRECTION 3) TRUST C. NOAH

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Sermon Study Guide
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SERMON NOTES

GIVING A REASON FOR HOPE

FIRST PETER 3:8-22

MAIN IDEA: LEADING OTHERS TO THE LIVING HOPE WE HAVE IN CHRIST INVOLVES LIVING A LIFE THAT BLESSES OTHERS AND DEFENDING THE REASON FOR THE HOPE WE HAVE.

Question: How can we as Christians bring the living hope of Christ to a fallen world?

SHARING THE HOPE WE HAVE IN CHRIST

1. LIVE A LIFE THAT _____ OTHERS 3:8-12

A. BLESS OTHERS THROUGH OUR _____

1 Peter 3:8–9 (CSB)

⁸ Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, ⁹ not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing.

- 1) Like-minded – Agree in _____ and _____
- 2) Sympathetic – Connect _____
- 3) Love one another – Love others as _____
- 4) Compassionate – Reach out to the _____
- 5) Humble – Being others _____
- 6) Forgiving Nature – Do not seek _____

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B. BLESS OTHERS THROUGH OUR _____ AND _____

1 Peter 3:10–12 (CSB)

¹⁰ For the one who wants to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, ¹¹ and let him turn away from evil and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it, ¹² because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil.

- 1) Guard our _____. (Psalm 141:3)
- 2) Choose to do what is _____ in the eyes of the Lord.

2. BE READY TO _____ YOUR HOPE 3:13-17

1 Peter 3:13–17 (CSB)

¹³ Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. **Do not fear what they fear or be intimidated,** ¹⁵ but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶ Yet do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

- A. "Defense" comes from the Greek _____, which means to give an account, a legal testimony.
- B. "Apologetics" does not mean Christians should _____ for our faith, but that we should defend what we believe and why we believe it.

Four ways to give a defense:

- 1) Share Personal Experience – Why do _____ believe in Christ?
- 2) Explain the Theme of the Bible – the _____ of Jesus Christ.

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- 3) Address Obstacles – What is _____ you from trusting in Christ?
- 4) Define Differences – Christianity is not a _____, it is a relationship.

3. THE GOSPEL MESSAGE NEVER _____ 3:18-22

1 Peter 3:18–22 (CSB)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ in which he also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared. In it a few—that is, eight people—were saved through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not as the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

A. The key truths of the Gospel to give as a defense:

- 1) Christ was _____ and died for _____ our sins.
- 2) The _____ of Christ gives us living hope.
- 3) The only way to God is to _____ in Christ.

B. One of the most difficult passages:

- 1) Interpretation #1 – Jesus went to hell and preached to human spirits there.
- 2) Interpretation #2 – The Spirit of Christ in Noah preached to his generation, that are now in hell.
- 3) Interpretation #3 – Jesus went to hell to preach to fallen angels kept there.

C. The Point – Just as _____ was called to share the Gospel of Christ to a sinful world, so are we!