

Sermon: We Are Free Servants of Our Savior
Series: 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18-25
Date: October 11, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Look at 2:25. God is the Overseer and Shepherd of our soul. What do these two words mean to you and your relationship with God? How do they help you understand servanthood?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Read 1 Peter 2:16 again. We are created and saved to be free servants of God. What is the connection between being free and being able to serve God from love?

b) If we choose to love, suffering will come. If we choose to love our enemies, unjust suffering will come. Where have you experienced the suffering of love? Where have you experienced unjust suffering?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) How does Peter connected Christ our example to Christ our Savior. Why must Jesus be our savior BEFORE he can be our example?

b) What do we learn about Jesus' substitutionary death for us from this passage?

APPLICATION

a) Jesus left us an example for how to live in suffering. Which of these aspects of Christ's earthly example applies to you where you live and work?

- Suffering without sinning (reviling, threatening, retaliation).
- Entrust your life to the God who judges justly.
- Do good.
- Submit with all respect.

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 2:9-12.

PRAYER

Praise God for substitutionary atonement through Jesus Christ.

Repent of ways that you have failed to serve God and others this week.

Ask God to help you embrace both your freedom and your service of others.