

Stand Firm: Standing Firm when Your Faith is Questioned
Sermon # 12, 1 Peter 3:13-17

Main Point: *Be prepared to tell others about Jesus when they ask.*

Getting to Know You

1. On a scale of 1 (definitely not prepared) to 5 (definitely prepared) how prepared are you to talk to people about Jesus? Why did you pick the number you did?

Getting into the Book

Read 1 Peter 3:13-17

1. Can you think of some situations where a Christian may suffer even though he did what was right?
2. What does God's word promise those who suffer for doing good? (see also Matthew 5:10-12)
3. What does God mean when He says "set apart / sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts"? Why is this important when someone is questioning your faith?
4. What does the phrase "always be ready to make a defense" assume about a Christian's preparedness for evangelism?
5. Describe to the group about a time someone asked you why you are a Christian (or something similar). What motivated them to ask? How did you respond?
6. What are some questions your unsaved friends / family are asking about faith in Christ? Work on the answers together as a group.
7. How are we told to respond when someone questions our faith? Why should we respond this way?

Getting Out There

8. How do Christ-like character and a confident confession work together to make a powerful witness? What may be the effect if one or both are missing?
9. The book of 1 Peter talks a lot about good behavior as a result of our new life in Christ (1:3; 2:9, 12). What may be the problem if no one ever asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you?
10. Share with the group a resource that has been helpful to you for evangelism and/or apologetics. (i.e. a Scripture, book, video, sermon, etc.)

Pray

Ask the Lord to transform your heart so that His light shines brightly through you. Also ask Him to prepare you to be ready to speak for Him when the opportunities arise.