



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Peter 3:8-22

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group.

➔ Missed the message or want to hear it again? fairoaks.church/sermons or the Fair Oaks Church App

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer.]

KEY SCRIPTURE [read aloud]

1 Peter 3:15-22 | ¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

➔ Interested in Background: thebibleproject.com/explore/1-peter

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you from our key scripture or series this week?
2. What are some of your personal challenges in this list: Be like minded, Be sympathetic, Love one another, Be compassionate, and Be Humble? Which of these do you feel the Lord is challenging you with this season?
3. Early Christians feared for their lives; what do we fear today that keeps us from being a blessing and a light to our communities? Do you think that others would identify you as a person of blessing?
4. How do you embrace hope through a storm so that it is noticeable to those around you? In what ways you feel equipped to share the hope of your salvation?
5. We shared 5 ways you can be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15):
 1. Be prepared to talk about Jesus.
 2. Be prepared to give the answer...from scripture.
 3. Be prepared to share personal experiences.
 4. Be a safe person.
 5. "You should come to my church."

Which of these is the most challenging for you and how might you grow in that way?

PRAY [Close in prayer!]

➔ **Baptism:** If you or someone in your household is following the Lord and is interested in being baptized this Easter, please check out our baptism classes at fairoaks.church/baptism