

1 Peter 4,5-You, Living for God

23. Read verse 11. In what ways, in what circumstances can you truthfully say these words?

24. Why did Paul always surround himself with true and faithful people?
5:12-13

25. The “she” in verse 13, according to most scholars, is the church that is in Babylon. Why is it significant that Paul had planted a church in Babylon? Was there a Babylon in Paul’s day?

26. What greater understanding of God do you have, after studying these two chapters?

27. What could you use from these chapters to encourage others?

If we are going to live for God in these last days, then we need an inner fortitude that will keep us serving God no matter what, that will keep us going even when suffering, that will keep our focus on serving even in the midst of our own struggles.

Read Chapter 4 and 5 in one sitting.

1. How does 4:1 help you when you are suffering?

2. What should be the may point of our lives? 4:2

3. Think of your past. Can you agree with Paul in verse 3, or disagree? Why or why not?

4. Have you gotten some flak from your people for not running in the same lanes they do? How does this verse help you with that? 4:4

5. The whole reason why you and I shouldn’t take on the burden of other people’s sin, is because of 4:5. How does this help?

6. Read verse 6. What is it like preaching to dead men? What is the purpose?

7. How do you live your life in the light of verse 7?
8. What is the most important thing we need in these last days? 4:8
9. Compare 4:8 with Matthew 24:12. What do you see?
10. Read 4:9-11. How is love shown to one another?
11. About suffering....Read 4:12-19. What do you learn about it?
12. What does it mean to you that you have a faithful Creator? 4:19
13. Chapter 5:1-4 says that leaders should shepherd the flock. What does that mean?
14. Why is it 'elders', plural? Why is it not just the pastors responsibility?
15. How is being a Christian leader different than being a leader in other organizations?
16. Read 5:5. Why do we need to be submissive to each other? What is to gain from it?
17. Why does God resist the proud and give grace to the humble?
18. What does it mean to humble yourselves? 5:6
19. How do you cast your cares on him? Why do it? 5:7
20. What does the adversary seek to do to you? What should you do to prevent it? 5:8,9
21. Read 5:10. Why "after you have suffered for a while"?
22. What do each of these things God wants to do in you, mean?
 - perfect –
 - establish –
 - strengthen –
 - settle -